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TAC comes out with revised norms for RWAs
BENGALURU
Recommending revised guidelines for resident welfare associations (RWAs), the COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee has said there is no need to seal down the floors, towers, blocks in apartment complexes and educational institutions where clusters are reported.
BENGALURU ▸ PAGE 7

CLAT results released
BENGALURU
The results of this year's Common Law Admission Test were released on the website of the Consortium of National Law Universities on Friday night.
BENGALURU ▸ PAGE 4

Probe ordered into substandard roadworks
BENGALURU
Chief Civic Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath has ordered a probe into substandard roadworks near Nagarbhavi Circle around Jnana Bharathi campus and at Mariyappanapalya.
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Sena leadership to meet today; 16 rebel MLAs to be given notice

NCP, Congress affirm support for Uddhav; Shinde group says 50 legislators with it

ALOK DESHPANDE
MUMBAI

As Shiv Sena president and Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray struggles to retain control of his government and the party, a national executive meeting of the Sena will be held on Saturday which is likely to pass a resolution reposing faith in the leadership of Mr. Thackeray.

Late in the night on Friday, following a marathon meeting of Sena leaders in the office of the Deputy Speaker of the Assembly along with legal experts, a decision has been taken to give 48 hours' notice to 16 rebel MLAs to appear in person on a petition filed by the Sena for their disqualification. The rebel group, led by Eknath Shinde, has decided to approach the court if such a notice is issued.

The rebellion against the Sena-led coalition government threatens to capture not only the government but also the party, and Mr. Thackeray is now fighting on two fronts. The number of rebel MLAs in Guwahati rose on Friday as the Shinde group claimed the support of 50, including those of the Sena and Independents.

In the evening, Mr. Thackeray held a meeting with Nationalist Congress Party chief Sharad Pawar and a party delegation to discuss strategies to save the government. Both allies, the NCP and the Congress, have extended support to him.

Crisis hour: Police personnel deployed outside the Shiv Sena Bhavan in Mumbai on Friday. • PTI

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No hand in revolt: BJP

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PUNE

As the 'Maha Vikas Aghadi' (MVA) government faces an existential crisis following Shiv Sena Minister Eknath Shinde's rebellion, BJP State president Chandrakant Patil reiterated that his party had nothing to do with the events unfolding in Maharashtra.

"We are not trying to bring the government down, nor will we try to do so," Mr. Patil said in Kolhapur on Friday. "I had been saying that the MVA government will collapse due to its internal contradictions and that is happening for real now."

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U.S. Supreme Court overturns abortion right

With this, individual States will now determine the right

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN
WASHINGTON DC

In a significant curtailment of women's rights, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, a 1973 landmark decision giving women in America the right to have an abortion before the foetus is viable outside the womb – before the 24-28 week mark.

The ruling was expected for some weeks now, after a draft opinion leaked in early May, sending shock waves through the country and sparking protests. Abortion rights – which have been available to women for over two generations – will now be determined by individual States.

Also overturned on Friday was *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, a 1992 case that upheld *Roe*.

Some 20 States have laws (which were overruled by *Roe* until Friday) restricting or banning abortions, according to data from the Associated Press. Thirteen States have laws banning the procedure, that come into effect, now that *Roe* has been overturned, according to *The New York Times*' analysis.

Dissent note: Protesters oppose the ruling outside the Supreme Court in Washington on Friday. • AP

'Deepened division'

"The Constitution makes no reference to abortion, and no such right is implicitly protected by any constitutional provision," Justice Samuel Alito, a conservative appointed by George W. Bush, wrote for the majority. He called *Roe*'s reasoning "exceptionally weak" and said *Roe* and *Casey* had not brought a "settlement" of the issue nationally, but "enflamed debate and deepened division".

He was joined by conservative Justices Clarence Thomas, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett. The latter three are picks of former U.S. President Donald Trump, who had said he would appoint justices who are "pro life" (opposing abortions).

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SC rejects Zakia's charges against Modi, 60 officials

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed the allegations of a "larger conspiracy" levelled by Zakia Jafri, widow of Congress leader Ehsan Jafri who was killed in the 2002 Gujarat riots, against Narendra Modi, who was then the Chief Minister of the State and over 60 senior State officials.

Inaction or failure of "some officials of one section of the State administration" cannot be the basis to infer a pre-planned criminal conspiracy by the State government. The failure of certain officials cannot be inferred as a "State-sponsored crime (violence) against the minority community", said a three-judge Bench led by Justice A.M. Khanwilkar. Allegations of criminal conspiracy at the "highest level" could not be inferred by simply linking the State's failures. A conspiracy can be alleged only if there was clear proof of "meeting of minds" to commit a crime.

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Murmu files nomination papers

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) candidate for the post of President, Droupadi Murmu, filed her nomination papers on Friday for the July 18 election.

She was accompanied by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, BJP president J.P. Nadda, Home Minister Amit Shah, Chief Ministers of all BJP-ruled States and those of Meghalaya and Nagaland, Conrad Sangma and Neiphiu Rio, respectively, and Ministers of the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) government of the Odisha.

Members of NDA parties, including Anupriya Patel of the Apna Dal , Rajiv Ranjan Singh of the Janata Dal(U), and AIADMK leaders Thambidurai and O. Panneerselvam, were present. The nomination papers were submitted with P.C. Mody, secretary-general of the Rajya Sabha who is also the Returning Officer as per the notification by the Election Commission.

Ahead of filing her nominations, Ms. Murmu spoke to leaders of the Opposition parties, including the Congress, the Nationalist Congress Party and the Trinamool Congress, seeking support, sources said. She spoke with Congress president Sonia Gandhi, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and NCP chief Sharad Pawar.

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Darwin Nunez — both spearhead and battering ram

The 23-year-old striker has the offensive repertoire to become a point of difference for Klopp's Liverpool

NUNEZ IN CLUB FOOTBALL

Overall	
139 games	
68 goals	
22 assists	
As centre-forward	
119 games	
51 goals	
19 assists	
As left-winger	
9 games	
11 goals	
2 assists	
As second-striker	
8 games	
6 goals	
As right-winger	
3 games	
1 assist	

Darwin will write his own story at Liverpool. He is Uruguayan and he is a forward but that is where the comparisons stop – he is a special player and doesn't need to be compared with anybody

SUAREZ, Uruguay and former Liverpool striker

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When an attacking talent impresses Luis Suarez, Virgil van Dijk and Jurgen Klopp, he must have something about him. All three of them, moreover, had the opportunity to observe the talent – Uruguayan striker Darwin Nunez – at close quarters.

Suarez knows his compatriot's qualities very well and sought to dismiss comparisons between them, insisting that the 23-year-old be given his own spotlight.

Top talent

"Darwin will write his own story at Liverpool. He is Uruguayan and he is a forward but that is where the comparisons stop – he is a special player and doesn't need to be compared with anybody," Suarez, among the top strikers of his generation, told *The Mirror*.

"It was last season that Europe started to take notice of him, but from an early age I could see there was something special in him," he added.

Van Dijk, who came up against Nunez in the Champions League when Liverpool played Benfica, offered a glowing verdict of his then opponent. "Very direct, quick, tall and strong. Quite difficult to play against," said van Dijk, regarded as one of the game's premier centre-backs.

After watching his formidable central defenders being harried by Nunez, Klopp was similarly struck by the front-man who found the net twice over two legs.

"A good looking boy, huh? And a decent player as well!" joked the Liverpool manager. "Really good, really good. I knew before, of course, but he played pretty much in front of me with his tough battles with Ibrahima Konate. He was physically strong, quick, and was calm around his finish. I always say in these situations, if he is healthy, it's a big career ahead of him."

The next several years of that potentially "big career" will play out at Liverpool after the Reds signed their man for a fee that could rise to a club-record 100 million euros.

Significant decision

Liverpool is among the shrewdest operators in the transfer market; the club loosens its purse strings only after due diligence and abundant caution.

So when Liverpool does decide to go big and Klopp says it's a signal of "decisiveness and ambition in equal measure", there's a good chance something is brewing.

Some experts have described it as an immediate response to the signing of another of Europe's top strikers, Erling Haaland, by Premier League title rival Manchester City.

But there is more to the move than competitive sabre-rattling. It's interesting that the two teams on the frontier of tactical progress have both chosen to secure a physical forward who can play through the centre, a modern No. 9, after having used systems without one.

He plays without fear, he's powerful. He has all the pieces we look for. He can set a tempo, he brings energy, he can threaten space from central and wide areas. He is aggressive and dynamic with his movement

KLOPP, Liverpool manager

"Darwin is already really good but has so much potential to get even better," Klopp told the club's website. "That's why it's so exciting, to be honest. His age, his desire, his hunger to be even better than he currently is. His belief in our project and what we are looking to do as a club."

Nunez's purchase continues Klopp's overhaul of Liverpool's attacking options – the first iteration of the side's fearsome, transformational front three, which fired the club back to winning major honours, is coming to an end. Sadio Mane has joined Bayern Munich while Mohamed Salah and Roberto Firmino are out of contract in 2023.

Klopp has already assimilated Luis Diaz, who made a huge impact in the second half of last season after a January move, and Diogo Jota, who has scored 34 goals in the past two seasons, into his front line.

But Nunez appears a more significant addition; his arrival perhaps portends another evolution of Liverpool's way of playing. It certainly adds an exceptional arrow to the quiver.

Unique qualities

The Uruguayan – almost 6'2" but capable of explosive bursts of speed – will offer something new to the attack, which has relied on the mobility of a smaller, interchangeable forward line containing three of Salah, Mane, Firmino, Jota and Diaz.

"He plays without fear, he's powerful. I know he will excite our supporters," said Klopp. "He has all the pieces we look for. He can set a tempo, he brings energy, he can threaten space from central and wide areas. He is aggressive and dynamic with his movement."

Liverpool, under Klopp, has several ways to hurt the opposition.

The side remains a devastating force in transition, with quick ball-shifts to the wide areas, mostly to the full-backs, who find runners. Counter-pressing and winning the ball in the opposition's final third is another method. Liverpool has also developed into a side that can control possession and generate shots, especially against mid-blocks.

Many opposition sides, confronted with so many threats, have taken to defending deep and narrow, looking, when they win the ball, to attack the space behind Liverpool's full-backs.

Low-block solution

These stubborn low-blocks, combined with athletic outlets, have caused Liverpool some trouble. Tottenham Hotspur defended deep in a narrow five and looked to spring its forwards. Newcastle (under Eddie Howe) and Wolverhampton Wanderers were other teams that set up similarly.

Klopp countered this last season with a switch from his favoured 4-3-3 to a 4-2-3-1.

Nunez amplifies the quality of this option, with Firmino behind him in the No. 10 space. He offers a bigger threat in the box, with crosses whipped in against deep-sitting teams. His strength in aerial duels should allow the three behind him to attack second balls, too.

Liverpool could, in theory, be able to play a more direct, vertical style when it needs to, with early balls to Nunez. He has the athletic gifts to participate in fast breaks as well.

Nunez also enhances a 4-3-3. He is comfortable in wide areas – for Benfica, he also played on the left and even when starting centrally made out-to-in runs. So he should fit within Klopp's fluid front line. His pace also pins back defences, which will help advance his team up the pitch and buy space for the build-up behind him.

Nunez isn't without his rough edges. His first touch and associative play aren't consistently world class, but Klopp and his team of coaches have a track record of improving players.

The 23-year-old's upside is significant. He arrives at Anfield after two seasons in Portugal with Benfica, where he scored 48 goals from 85 appearances in all competitions, including 34 in 41 games last season.

I've played against Liverpool and I've seen them in lots of games in the Champions League, and it's my style of play. There are some great players here and I think it's going to suit my style of play here

NUNEZ

Impressive metrics

His underlying metrics are even more impressive. According to *Sky Sports*, he leads the field for under-23 players in terms of goals and shots on target every 90 minutes across Europe's top five leagues and the Primeira Liga. Nunez's 1.07 goals and 1.81 shots on target per 90 are better than Haaland's 1.03 and 1.74 respectively.

For Liverpool, which narrowly missed an unprecedented quadruple of trophies last season, Nunez could develop into a point of difference in tight matches.

He certainly wants to write himself into the club's storied history.

"It's a massive club," said Nunez. "When I arrived at the training ground, I was really surprised to see the set-up and the structure and all the trophies here. You can then imagine yourself winning more trophies and then later on when you come here again and see the trophies on display, you can say, 'Look, I was a part of that, I was there at that time, winning trophies'.

"That's one of the reasons why I came here to Liverpool – to win trophies and titles."

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	PLAYER	AGE	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Daniil Medvedev	26	8,160	21
2	Alexander Zverev	25	7,030	19
3	Novak Djokovic	35	6,770	12
4	Rafael Nadal	36	6,525	10
5	Casper Ruud	23	5,050	28
6	Stefanos Tsitsipas	23	4,945	24
7	Carlos Alcaraz	19	4,893	20
8	Andrey Rublev	24	3,870	26
9	Felix Auger-Aliassime	21	3,760	25
10	Hubert Hurkacz	25	3,738	25
11	Matteo Berrettini	26	3,480	17
12	Cameron Norrie	26	3,200	27
13	Jannik Sinner	20	3,185	27
14	Taylor Fritz	24	2,920	27
15	Diego Schwartzman	29	2,325	24

Top Indians ▸

Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 172 ▼ 6 spots

Prajnesh Gunneswaran
Rank 274 ▲ 4 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	PLAYER	AGE	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Iga Swiatek	21	8,631	17
2	Anett Kontaveit	26	4,511	21
3	Ons Jabeur	27	4,340	20
4	Paula Badosa	24	4,245	25
5	Maria Sakkari	26	4,205	20
6	Aryna Sabalenka	24	4,145	21
7	Karolina Pliskova	30	3,777	17
8	Danielle Collins	28	3,255	19
9	Jessica Pegula	28	3,185	18
10	Garbine Muguruza	28	2,961	19
11	Emma Raducanu	19	2,952	23
12	Coco Gauff	18	2,940	18
13	Daria Kasatkina	25	2,685	21
14	Jelena Ostapenko	25	2,596	19
15	Barbora Krejcikova	26	2,592	16

Top Indians ▸

Ankita Raina
Rank 362 ▲ 12 spots

Rutuja Bhosale
Rank 452 ▲ 44 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	DRIVER	TEAM	POINTS	WINS
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	175	6
2	Sergio Perez	Red Bull	129	1
3	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	126	2
4	George Russell	Mercedes	111	0
5	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	102	0
6	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	77	0
7	Lando Norris	McLaren	50	0
8	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo	44	0
9	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	39	0
10	Fernando Alonso	Alpine	22	0
11	Pierre Gasly	AlphaTauri	16	0
12	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	15	0
13	Daniel Ricciardo	McLaren	15	0
14	Sebastian Vettel	Aston Martin	13	0
15	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri	11	0
16	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo	3	0
17	Alex Albon	Williams	3	0
18	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	2	0
19	Mick Schumacher	Haas	0	0
20	Nico Hulkenberg	Aston Martin	0	0
21	Nicholas Latifi	Williams	0	0

Max Verstappen

Sergio Perez

F1 Constructors' standings

POS	TEAM	POINTS	WINS	PODIUMS
1	Red Bull	304	7	12
2	Ferrari	228	2	9
3	Mercedes	188	0	5
4	McLaren	65	0	1
5	Alpine	57	0	0
6	Alfa Romeo	51	0	0
7	AlphaTauri	27	0	0
8	Aston Martin	16	0	0
9	Haas	15	0	0
10	Williams	3	0	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	PLAYER	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Viktor Axelsen	121,606	40
2	Kento Momota	112,554	28
3	Anders Antonsen	98,300	37
4	Chou Tien Chen	93,776	39
5	Lee Zii Jia	91,578	43
6	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	87,879	37
7	Chen Long	84,400	18
8	Jonatan Christie	82,812	37
9	Loh Kean Yew	77,854	33
10	Lakshya Sen	75,874	41
11	K. Srikanth	72,481	44
12	Rasmus Gemke	70,551	38
13	Ng Ka Long Angus	70,257	36
14	Kanta Tsuneyama	67,848	33
15	Lee Cheuk Yiu	66,061	36

Top Indians ▸

Lakshya Sen
Rank 10

K. Srikanth
Rank 11

Badminton Women's ranking

#	PLAYER	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Akane Yamaguchi	111,963	37
2	Tai Tzu Ying	111,645	24
3	An Se Young	103,603	45
4	Chen Yu Fei	103,456	28
5	Carolina Marin	100,380	23
6	Nozomi Okuhara	96,560	26
7	P.V. Sindhu	94,018	42
8	Ratchanok Intanon	87,549	38
9	He Bing Jiao	83,064	31
10	Pornpawee Chochuwong	78,265	43
11	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	70,294	49
12	Michelle Li	70,130	40
13	Wang Zhi Yi	69,978	28
14	Sayaka Takahashi	66,573	35
15	Mia Blichfeldt	63,819	30

Top Indians ▸

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 7

Saina Nehwal
Rank 24

Test Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Joe Root	897	917
2	Marnus Labuschagne	892	936
3	Steve Smith	845	947
4	Babar Azam	815	815
5	Kane Williamson	798	919
6	Dimuth Karunaratne	772	781
7	Usman Khawaja	757	757
8	Rohit Sharma	754	813
9	Travis Head	744	773
10	Virat Kohli	742	937

Test Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Pat Cummins	901	914
2	R. Ashwin	850	904
3	Jasprit Bumrah	830	835
4	Shaheen Afridi	827	827
5	Kagiso Rabada	818	902
6	Kyle Jamieson	796	836
7	James Anderson	795	903
8	Kemar Roach	769	780
9	Neil Wagner	762	859
10	Trent Boult	753	825

ODI Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Babar Azam	892	898
2	Imam-ul-Haq	815	815
3	Virat Kohli	811	911
4	Rohit Sharma	791	885
5	Quinton de Kock	789	813
6	Ross Taylor	775	841
7	R. van der Dussen	769	776
8	Jonny Bairstow	760	796
9	David Warner	745	880
10	Aaron Finch	727	798

ODI Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Trent Boult	726	770
2	Chris Woakes	686	711
3	Matt Henry	683	691
4	Shaheen Afridi	681	688
5	Jasprit Bumrah	679	841
6	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	676	712
7	Josh Hazlewood	667	733
8	Mehedi Hasan	661	725
9	Mohammad Nabi	657	657
10	Shakib Al Hasan	657	717

T20I Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Babar Azam	818	896
2	Mohammad Rizwan	794	798
3	Aiden Markram	757	796
4	Dawid Malan	728	915
5	Aaron Finch	716	900
6	Ishan Kishan	703	705
7	Devon Conway	703	784
8	Pathum Nissanka	661	689
9	R. van der Dussen	658	780
10	Martin Guptill	658	793

T20I Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Josh Hazlewood	792	806
2	Adil Rashid	746	746
3	Tabraiz Shamsi	709	821
4	Rashid Khan	709	816
5	Adam Zampa	698	743
6	Wanindu Hasaranga	668	797
7	Anrich Nortje	658	695
8	Matheesh Theekshana	647	647
9	Ashton Agar	640	717
10	Nasum Ahmed	637	637

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NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 31st May, 2022

S.O. 2481(E) - In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of Belgaum Hungund-Raichur (EC10 Hyderabad - Panaji Corridor) in the stretch of land from (Design CH : 182+300 Km. to 228+500 Km.) in the district of RAICHUR in the state of KARNATAKA, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Special Land Acquisition Officer, NHAI Raichur at Anusha Complex 1st Floor Opp Navodaya Medical College Mantralaya Road, Raichur District State Karnataka) in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling in Belgaum - Hungund - Raichur (EC10 Hyderabad - Panaji Corridor) in the stretch of land from (Design CH :182+300 Km. to 228+500 Km.) in the district of RAICHUR in the state of KARNATAKA

State : KARNATAKA					District : RAICHUR
Sl No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)
Village: Amdihal					Taluk: Lingsugur
1	100	Private	Dry	15,970.2920000(Square Meter)	1.5970292
2	102	Private	Dry	6,360.8040000(Square Meter)	0.6360804
3	103	Private	Dry	28,966.2460000(Square Meter)	2.8966246
4	104	Private	Dry	2,074.0470000(Square Meter)	0.2074050
5	105	Private	Dry	3,251.7400000(Square Meter)	0.3251740
6	109	Private	Dry	13,103.8650000(Square Meter)	1.3103865
7	13	Private	Dry	4,711.1860000(Square Meter)	0.4711186
8	14	Private	Dry	1,366.0630000(Square Meter)	0.1366063
9	15	Private	Dry	24,853.1730000(Square Meter)	2.4853173
10	16	Private	Dry	6,726.5340000(Square Meter)	0.6726534
11	17	Private	Dry	17,714.7430000(Square Meter)	1.7714743
12	27	Private	Dry	3,253.1970000(Square Meter)	0.3253200
13	28	Private	Dry	15,986.0040000(Square Meter)	1.5986000
14	29	Private	Dry	1,877.2540000(Square Meter)	0.1877250
15	3/2	Private	Dry	495.4190000(Square Meter)	0.0495419
16	30	Private	Dry	4,559.7730000(Square Meter)	0.4559770
17	31	Private	Dry	1,720.3740000(Square Meter)	0.1720370
18	32	Private	Dry	6,852.3100000(Square Meter)	0.6852310
19	33	Private	Dry	7,068.9930000(Square Meter)	0.7068993
20	34	Private	Dry	6,368.3740000(Square Meter)	0.6368374
21	6	Common (Government / Private)	Dry	9,505.1520000(Square Meter)	0.9505150
22	63	Private	Dry	363.3860000(Square Meter)	0.0363386
23	64	Private	Dry	22,986.4180000(Square Meter)	2.2986400
24	65	Common (Government / Private)	Dry	13,369.5050000(Square Meter)	1.3369500
25	69	Private	Dry	13,880.4450000(Square Meter)	1.3880400
26	7	Private	Dry	22,805.7330000(Square Meter)	2.2805700
27	72	Common (Government / Private)	Dry	7,781.7600000(Square Meter)	0.7781760
28	73/2	Private	Dry	9,980.9550000(Square Meter)	0.9035930
29	74	Private	Dry	7,686.6750000(Square Meter)	0.7686680
30	75	Common (Government / Private)	Dry	3,954.8050000(Square Meter)	0.3954800
31	76	Common (Government / Private)	Dry	9,749.0900000(Square Meter)	0.9749090
32	77	Private	Dry	9,331.2190000(Square Meter)	0.9331220
33	78	Private	Dry	6,478.3810000(Square Meter)	0.6478380
34	93	Private	Dry	12,986.2010000(Square Meter)	1.2986200
35	94	Private	Dry	6,352.1220000(Square Meter)	0.6352120
36	95	Private	Dry	15,188.1130000(Square Meter)	1.5188100
37	96	Private	Dry	8,936.0840000(Square Meter)	0.8936080
38	97	Private	Dry	9,752.6230000(Square Meter)	0.9752620
Village: Bellihal					
1	1	Private	Dry	11,213.2730000(Square Meter)	1.1213300
2	100	Private	Dry	6,812.6680000(Square Meter)	0.6812670
3	101	Private	Dry	11,527.5490000(Square Meter)	1.1527500
4	102	Common (Government / Private)	Dry	7,712.8190000(Square Meter)	0.7712820
5	103	Private	Dry	1,993.7260000(Square Meter)	0.1993730
6	104	Private	Dry	607.1510000(Square Meter)	0.0607151
7	105	Common (Government / Private)	Dry	341.9540000(Square Meter)	0.0341954
8	106	Common (Government / Private)	Dry	16,453.6550000(Square Meter)	1.6453700
9	107	Common (Government / Private)	Dry	6,205.0320000(Square Meter)	0.6205030
10	108	Private	Dry	11,892.2930000(Square Meter)	1.1892300
11	11/2	Private	Dry	858.5880000(Square Meter)	0.0858588
12	119	Private	Dry	13,732.0910000(Square Meter)	1.3732100
13	12	Common (Government / Private)	Dry	1,236.7820000(Square Meter)	0.1236780
14	120	Common (Government / Private)	Dry	439.0380000(Square Meter)	0.0439038
15	124/1	Government	Dry	3,975.6040000(Square Meter)	0.3975600
16	124/2	Government	Dry	2,106.6710000(Square Meter)	0.2106670
17	13	Common (Government / Private)	Dry	11,399.9160000(Square Meter)	1.1399900
18	2	Common (Government / Private)	Dry	10,069.9030000(Square Meter)	1.0069900
19	3/1	Private	Dry	5,397.9210000(Square Meter)	0.5397920
20	3/3	Private	Dry	949.8190000(Square Meter)	0.0949819
21	97	Private	Dry	15,759.8540000(Square Meter)	1.5759900
22	98	Private	Dry	14,199.8880000(Square Meter)	1.4199888
23	99	Private	Dry	7,475.3540000(Square Meter)	0.7475354
Village: Gonwar					
1	51	Private	Dry	16,924.8720000(Square Meter)	1.6924872
2	52	Private	Dry	18,668.4820000(Square Meter)	1.8668482
3	53	Private	Dry	3,226.2500000(Square Meter)	0.3226250
4	61	Private	Dry	27,956.3170000(Square Meter)	2.7956317
5	62	Private	Dry	6,643.7890000(Square Meter)	0.6643789
6	63	Private	Dry	10,298.9210000(Square Meter)	1.0298921
7	64	Private	Dry	11,284.0540000(Square Meter)	1.1284054
8	65	Private	Dry	12,135.6120000(Square Meter)	1.2135612
9	66/1	Private	Dry	13,624.6030000(Square Meter)	1.3624603
10	66/2	Private	Dry	1,289.5390000(Square Meter)	0.1289539
11	67	Private	Dry	7,520.6570000(Square Meter)	0.7520657
12	70	Private	Dry	3,258.6320000(Square Meter)	0.3258632
13	81	Private	Dry	9,135.0760000(Square Meter)	0.9135076
14	82	Private	Dry	13,538.8040000(Square Meter)	1.3538804
15	83	Private	Dry	12,441.9690000(Square Meter)	1.2441969
Village: Hirelekkihala					
1	48	Private	Dry	5,578.4680000(Square Meter)	0.5578468
2	51	Private	Dry	10,290.3690000(Square Meter)	1.0290400
3	52	Private	Dry	4,143.9960000(Square Meter)	0.4144000
4	river	Government	River	708.5100000(Square Meter)	0.0706510
Village: Kannapur Hatti					
1	68	Private	Dry	7,938.3350000(Square Meter)	0.7938335
2	69	Private	Dry	18,863.6520000(Square Meter)	1.8863652
3	70/1	Private	Dry	8,519.0690000(Square Meter)	0.8519069
4	71	Private	Dry	6,210.8120000(Square Meter)	0.6210812
5	72	Private	Dry	8,623.9160000(Square Meter)	0.8623920
6	77	Private	Dry	2,512.5490000(Square Meter)	0.2512550
7	78	Private	Dry	21,705.5320000(Square Meter)	2.1705532
8	79	Private	Dry	650.8550000(Square Meter)	0.0650855
9	80/1	Private	Dry	4,974.7860000(Square Meter)	0.4974790
Village: Mudagal					
1	18/1	Private	Dry	10,744.9170000(Square Meter)	1.0744917
2	18/2	Private	Dry	8,609.6470000(Square Meter)	0.8609647
3	19/1	Private	Dry	714.9340000(Square Meter)	0.0714934
4	19/2	Private	Dry	28,044.1080000(Square Meter)	2.8044108
5	20	Common (Government / Private)	Dry	16,854.2290000(Square Meter)	1.6854229
6	214/1	Private	Dry	16,710.0080000(Square Meter)	1.6710008
7	214/2	Private	Dry	6,472.0910000(Square Meter)	0.6472091
8	215	Private	Dry	3,662.4930000(Square Meter)	0.3662493
9	216/1	Private	Dry	4,710.2660000(Square Meter)	0.4710266
10	216/2	Private	Dry	310.9080000(Square Meter)	0.0310908
11	219	Private	Dry	17,078.0380000(Square Meter)	1.7078038
12	220	Private	Dry	5,940.6230000(Square Meter)	0.5940623
13	225	Private	Dry	1,323.4190000(Square Meter)	0.1323419
14	226	Private	Dry	33,457.9400000(Square Meter)	3.3457940
15	227	Private	Dry	9,759.7940000(Square Meter)	0.9759794
16	228	Private	Dry	130.5810000(Square Meter)	0.0130581
17	23	Private	Dry	6,278.6090000(Square Meter)	0.6278609
18	230	Private	Dry	7,162.3020000(Square Meter)	0.7162302
19	235	Private	Dry	1,728.4180000(Square Meter)	0.1728418
20	236/1	Private	Dry	26,586.8390000(Square Meter)	2.6586839
21	236/2	Private	Dry	16,487.1040000(Square Meter)	1.6487104
22	237	Private	Dry	517.3930000(Square Meter)	0.0517393
23	239	Private	Dry	28,568.9470000(Square Meter)	2.8568947
24	24	Private	Dry	7,998.4980000(Square Meter)	0.7998498
25	240/2	Private	Dry	2,448.9230000(Square Meter)	0.2448923
26	240/3	Private	Dry	10,293.0210000(Square Meter)	1.0293021
27	240/4	Private	Dry	8,698.3460000(Square Meter)	0.8698346
28	240/5	Private	Dry	10,771.3790000(Square Meter)	1.0771379
29	241/1	Private	Dry	4,529.5890000(Square Meter)	0.4529589
30	241/2	Private	Dry	1,231.3060000(Square Meter)	0.1231306
31	243	Private	Dry	2,197.9740000(Square Meter)	0.2197974
32	25/1	Private	Dry	322.2750000(Square Meter)	0.0322275
33	26/3	Private	Dry	34,787.9000000(Square Meter)	3.4787900
34	26/4	Private	Dry	2,829.8800000(Square Meter)	0.2829880
35	30/2	Private	Dry	48.5670000(Square Meter)	0.0048567
36	31/2	Private	Dry	1,594.9670000(Square Meter)	0.1594967
37	564	Private	Dry	2,095.9100000(Square Meter)	0.2095910
38	565/1	Private	Dry	896.0360000(Square Meter)	0.0896036
39	565/2	Private	Dry	11,267.3450000(Square Meter)	1.1267300
40	566/1	Private	Dry	5,056.9460000(Square Meter)	0.5056946
41	569	Private	Dry	26.1600000(Square Meter)	0.0026160
42	578/2	Private	Dry	1,498.1780000(Square Meter)	0.1498178
43	579/1	Private	Dry	180.1180000(Square Meter)	0.0180118
44	579/2	Private	Dry	6,552.1040000(Square Meter)	0.6552104
45	580	Private	Dry	13,032.6080000(Square Meter)	1.3032608
46	581	Private	Dry	11,250.6840000(Square Meter)	1.1250684
47	583	Private	Dry	7,499.4590000(Square Meter)	0.7499459
48	584/1	Private	Dry	7,912.6220000(Square Meter)	0.7912622
49	584/2	Private	Dry	8,941.3160000(Square Meter)	0.8941316
50	585	Private	Dry	4,556.7720000(Square Meter)	0.4556772
51	686	Private	Dry	180.5460000(Square Meter)	0.0180546
52	687	Private	Dry	445.3860000(Square Meter)	0.0445386
Village: Gudihala					Taluk: Maski
1	100	Private	Dry	1,436.0370000(Square Meter)	0.1436037
2	101	Private	Dry	19,155.1400000(Square Meter)	1.9155140
3	102	Private	Dry	280.0430000(Square Meter)	0.0280043
4	103	Private	Dry	3,646.9820000(Square Meter)	0.3646982
5	105	Private	Dry	17,145.9800000(Square Meter)	1.7145980
6	106	Private	Dry	17,097.8750000(Square Meter)	1.7097875
7	107	Private	Dry	989.6590000(Square Meter)	0.0989659
8	155	Private	Dry	143.0200000(Square Meter)	0.0143020
9	156	Private	Dry	1,887.5450000(Square Meter)	0.1887545
10	157	Private	Dry	2,518.0320000(Square Meter)	0.2518032
11	160	Private	Dry	1,657.7350000(Square Meter)	0.1657735
12	161	Private	Dry	18,480.3620000(Square Meter)	1.8480362
13	163	Private	Dry	7,906.6740000(Square Meter)	0.7906674
14	164	Private	Dry	9,253.6980000(Square Meter)	0.9253698
15	165	Private	Dry	7,302.8390000(Square Meter)	0.7302839
16	86	Private	Dry	32,388.7840000(Square Meter)	3.2388784
17	90	Private	Dry	22,443.1270000(Square Meter)	2.2443127
18	91	Private	Dry	11,205.3800000(Square Meter)	1.1205380
19	92	Private	Dry	11,029.8600000(Square Meter)	1.1029860
Village: Kadadarahala					
1	1	Private	Dry	11,437.6130000(Square Meter)	1.1437613
2	2	Private	Dry	14,049.4070000(Square Meter)	1.4049407
3	42	Private	Dry	11,177.8770000(Square Meter)	1.1177877
4	5	Private	Dry	3,964.9990000(Square Meter)	0.3964999
5	52	Private	Dry	6,207.6730000(Square Meter)	0.6207673
6	53	Private	Dry	24,820.4630000(Square Meter)	2.4820463
7	54	Private	Dry	5,270.6750000(Square Meter)	0.5270675
8	56	Private	Dry	11,872.2660000(Square Meter)	1.1872266
9	57	Private	Dry	13,618.7010000(Square Meter)	1.3618701
10	58	Private	Dry	2,615.1150000(Square Meter)	0.2615115
11	6	Private	Dry	14,392.1770000(Square Meter)	1.4392177
12	7	Private	Dry	23,977.1710000(Square Meter)	2.3977171
Village: Kunikelluru					
1	4	Private	Dry	157.7460000(Square Meter)	0.0157746
2	45	Private	Dry	6,936.3900000(Square Meter)	0.6936390
3	46	Private	Dry	11,383.8650000(Square Meter)	1.1383865
4	48	Private	Dry	4,702.8220000(Square Meter)	0.4702822
5	50	Private	Dry	4,969.5920000(Square Meter)	0.4969592
6	51	Private	Dry	15,087.7770000(Square Meter)	1.5087777
7	52	Private	Dry	21,780.7270000(Square Meter)	2.1780727
8	53	Private	Dry	8,221.0890000(Square Meter)	0.8221089
9	55	Private	Dry	70.2470000(Square Meter)	0.0070247
10	59	Private	Dry	136.7210000(Square Meter)	0.0136721
11	6	Private	Dry	6,457.6000000(Square Meter)	0.6457600
12	7/1	Private	Dry	6,298.0260000(Square Meter)	0.6298026
13	7/2	Private	Dry	5,779.5260000(Square Meter)	0.5779526
14	8	Private	Dry	9,740.1280000(Square Meter)	0.9740128
Village: Matturu					
1	11	Private	Dry	562.2070000(Square Meter)	0.0562207
2	149	Private	Dry	6,267.3350000(Square Meter)	0.6267335
3	154/2	Private	Dry	42,623.6150000(Square Meter)	4.2623615
4	156/1	Private	Dry	19,761.8270000(Square Meter)	1.9761827
5	156/2	Private	Dry	7,981.3830000(Square Meter)	0.7981383
6	157	Private	Dry	660.2740000(Square Meter)	0.0660274
7	16	Private	Dry	14,648.7540000(Square Meter)	1.4648754
8	17	Private	Dry	23,202.8280000(Square Meter)	2.3202828
9	18	Private	Dry	33,395.4530000(Square Meter)	3.3395453
10	19	Private	Dry	2,458.3790000(Square Meter)	0.2458379
11	20/1	Private	Dry	13,168.8130000(Square Meter)	1.3168813
12	20/2	Private	Dry	8,784.1280000(Square Meter)	0.8784128
13	208	Private	Dry	29,845.9440000(Square Meter)	2.9845944
14	209	Private	Dry	32,151.5350000(Square Meter)	3.2151535
15	210	Private	Dry	31,824.2870000(Square Meter)	3.1824287
16	27	Private	Dry	5,255.6950000(Square Meter)	0.5255695
Village: Mittikelluru					
1	10	Private	Dry	24,350.8190000(Square Meter)	2.4350819
2	55/1	Private	Dry	13,805.5770000(Square Meter)	1.3805577
3	55/2	Private	Dry	11,442.3540000(Square Meter)	1.1442354
4	55/3	Private	Dry	7,733.2170000(Square Meter)	0.7733217
5	55/4	Private	Dry	5,204.5450000(Square Meter)	0.5204545
6	56/4	Private	Dry	1,132.2700000(Square Meter)	0.1132270
7	8	Private	Dry	14,052.0030000(Square Meter)	1.4052003
8	9	Private	Dry	11,180.0000000(Square Meter)	1.1180000
Village: Musali Karlakunti					
1	14	Private	Dry	339.4250000(Square Meter)	0.0339425
2	15	Private	Dry	30,071.8360000(Square Meter)	3.0071836
3	16	Private	Dry	21,905.7960000(Square Meter)	2.1905796
4	17	Private	Dry	25,215.8500000(Square Meter)	2.5215850
5	61	Private	Dry	21,263.1140000(Square Meter)	2.1263114
6	62	Private	Dry	22,155.5340000(Square Meter)	2.2155534
Village: Santekalluru					
1	13	Private	Dry	29,107.7810000(Square Meter)	2.9107781
2	14	Private	Dry	21,152.3040000(Square Meter)	2.1152304
3	15	Private	Dry	9,373.9300000(Square Meter)	0.9373930
4	17	Private	Dry	2,454.6180000(Square Meter)	0.2454618
5	170	Private	Dry	12,832.1800000(Square Meter)	1.2832180
6	178	Private	Dry	41,535.8710000(Square Meter)	4.1535871
7	18	Private	Dry	21,150.5600000(Square Meter)	2.1150560
8	180	Private	Dry	20,663.9370000(Square Meter)	2.0663937
9	181	Private	Dry	16,347.9590000(Square Meter)	1.6347959
10	182	Private	Dry	30,437.9110000(Square Meter)	3.0437911
11	183	Private	Dry	14,552.3020000(Square Meter)	1.4552302
12	184/1	Private	Dry	22,835.0740000(Square Meter)	2.2835074
13	184/2	Private	Dry	5,658.8810000(Square Meter)	0.5658881
14	186/1	Private	Dry	3,665.9590000(Square Meter)	0.3665959
15	187	Private	Dry	10,843.4400000(Square Meter)	1.0843440
16	188	Private	Dry	18,049.0620000(Square Meter)	1.8049062
17	189	Private	Dry	13,269.1470000(Square Meter)	1.3269147
18	19/1	Private	Dry	195.6230000(Square Meter)	0.0195623
19	19/2	Private	Dry	19,161.3850000(Square Meter)	1.9161385
20	191	Private	Dry	132.0300000(Square Meter)	0.0132030
21	192	Private	Dry	3,014.4910000(Square Meter)	0.3014491
22	2	Private	Dry	921.1470000(Square Meter)	0.0921147
23	20	Private	Dry	10,884.0090000(Square Meter)	1.0884009
24	21	Common (Government / Private)	Dry	2,727.6420000(Square Meter)	0.2727642
25	22	Private	Dry	12,328.0050000(Square Meter)	1.2328005
26	23	Private	Dry	613.6730000(Square Meter)	0.0613673
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5	5/2	Private	Dry	199.0520000(Square Meter)	0.0199052
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RAJESH GUPTA, Director

Does Marchand have a shot at chasing down Phelps?

The Frenchman threatened the legendary American's longstanding 400m individual medley mark at the World Championships. Born to world-class swimmers and coached by Phelps' former mentor, the 20-year-old is leaving nothing to chance in his pursuit of the world record

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Leon Marchand has been making waves in swimming circles for a couple of years now, but if he continues to do what he did at the World Championships in Budapest, he has the potential to become a global star.

The 20-year-old Frenchman registered the second-fastest time in the history of the men's 400m individual medley (IM) – the closest anyone has got to Michael Phelps' 4:03.84 in 10 years – to win his first World title.

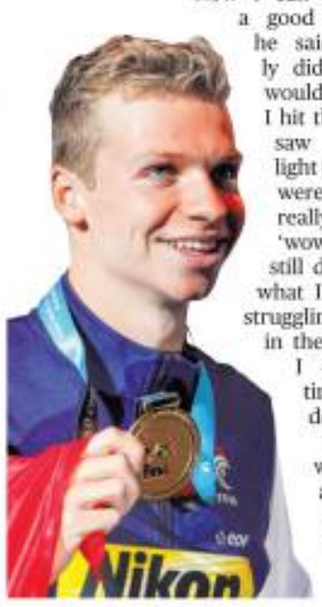
Within range

Indeed, after a ferocious third leg in the breaststroke, Marchand was inside world record pace before fading slightly in the freestyle to stop the clock at 4:04.28, the fastest time in a textile suit.

The record he is chasing has an aura. It is the oldest in any Olympic distance, and was set by the legendary Phelps, widely considered the greatest swimmer of all time, at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, a day before he helped set the second-oldest record in the 400m freestyle relay.

So, the fact that Marchand threatened it so early in his career has excited swimming fans.

"Now I can call myself a good swimmer," he said. "I really didn't think I would swim 4:04. I hit the wall and saw the little light that said we were first. It's really huge, a 'wow' feeling. I still don't realise what I did. I was struggling a little bit in the crawl. But I think next time I could do it."



If anybody were to have a chance of 'doing it', you would struggle to pick a swimmer better equipped than Marchand.

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> MARCHAND

Inherited wealth

He has inherited exceptional athletic gifts from his parents. Young Leon won his World gold 24 years after his father Xavier took silver in the 200m medley in the World Championships at Perth. And his mother Celine Bonnet held the French records for 100m and 200m medleys.

Being born into a family of world-class competitive swimmers also meant an early immersion, both literally and figuratively, in the sport, with expert knowledge guiding his development.

"My mother always gave me a lot of advice on the 400m medley, my father too," Marchand said. "They supported me every day and gave me so much advice about just everything. They told me very early that swimming is very hard. To be at this level today, you need to train a lot. You need to be quite serious and just dedicated to swimming."

The mentality suits Marchand and his family. "Because they had to wake up with me every day to bring me to training," he said with a laugh.

Marchand also has the perfect guide in his quest to break Phelps' 400m medley world record: the very man who guided Phelps to greatness.

After finishing sixth in the 400m IM at the Tokyo Olympics at 19, Marchand left his native Toulouse to move to Arizona State University where Phelps' former mentor Bob Bowman coaches.

"I'm just very happy to swim with [Bowman] because he has the experience and he knows how to train the 400 IM," the Frenchman said. "Bob creates an environment for me every day in training that allows me to work really hard and improve, whether it's mentally or physically. Every workout is interesting. When I come out of practice, I say to myself 'I improved that'.

Precise plans

"It's concrete. I don't do laps for the sake of doing laps. I feel that I am more efficient in what I do. I have improved a lot in backstroke and breaststroke. As I approach competitions, he gives me a lot of serenity, he has a very precise plan."

With Bowman monitoring his progress, Marchand also has access to precious inside information on where Phelps was at a similar stage of his development and the specificities of how the great man trained when he hit plateaus.

"Bob already told me I look like Phelps as I'm able to give it my all, no matter the circumstances," Marchand told *Olympics.com*. "If I don't sleep a lot or I have a bad day, I can still be consistent and do my best in training every day. Sometimes Bob tells me that Michael would have achieved such and such a time. Obviously, I compare myself but it's not the best thing to do. But it does motivate me. I'm curious to know things like that."

Bowman credited Marchand's upbringing and early coaching for the swimmer's stunning rise.

"First, most of the credit for this swim goes to Nicolas Castel, Leon's longtime coach in France," Bowman told *Swimming World*. "He did a fantastic job of teaching him the skills, gradually introducing him to training and bringing him to the Olympic level. I was very pleased with the way he split the race [at the Worlds] and managed his energy throughout. Leon works harder than anyone else, so he deserves this swim. I'm excited to see him keep progressing."

Bowman also hailed Marchand's approach and attitude. "As a person, I was amazed how humble and kind he was. As an athlete, I was amazed how good he was underwater. His kicking underwater was amazing and I didn't even know how good it was at the time quite frankly.

"As a person, he's grown a lot, just being independent and having to manage everything by himself. I think in swimming, he's just taken on every challenge and has got quite a bit of confidence because every step of the way he's moved to the next level. I think in general he has an open mind and that is a great attribute to have."

Although Marchand hasn't yet met Phelps in person, they already have a "cool" relationship.

"I talked to [Phelps] a little bit by message and he is always sending texts to Bob so I have some news about him," Marchand said. "He told me that if I have questions, I shouldn't hesitate to ask. We talk, he helps me – that's pretty cool!"

The mental game

Marchand's time at Arizona State University, where he lives on campus with classrooms close to the pool, has also helped him understand his competitive mentality better. He shone in his first season at college championships in March, when he set an NCAA record in the 200m medley and won the 200m breaststroke.

"The NCAA meet is a very intense meet," he said. "I think I learned a lot about myself. I need to have fun in racing. At the beginning, I had trouble managing the pressure. It came little by little but now it's much better than before. My goal is to detach from this challenge, from this pressure, to be at my best level in the water."

Marchand still is a work in progress; he also needs to prove that his Budapest performance (he also won the 200m IM gold and the 200m butterfly silver) isn't a flash in the pan.

Mission Paris

And while Phelps' accolades are intimidating – 23 Olympic gold medals, 26 World titles (long course) – Marchand is focusing on himself, careful not to be trapped into comparisons if he can help it. Now that he has a World double, he has set his eyes on the Olympics in 2024.

"The goal is to win a gold medal one day or another," he said. "I think that Paris would be a great time, because I'll be 22. I won't be too old or too young. Since Tokyo, I've felt more confident and relaxed in every competition. I feel capable of fighting with the best in the world. Before then I saw them as living gods. Now I belong in this class of swimmers."

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Marchand vs. Phelps: comparing their splits

Phelps was quicker in three of the four 100m splits during his world record swim in Beijing in 2008, but Marchand was more than three seconds faster in the breaststroke leg in Budapest

TIMING: PHELPS **4:03.84** | MARCHAND **4:04.28**

100m: BUTTERFLY
Phelps WR (2008 Olympics) **54.92**
Marchand (2022 Worlds) **55.54**

200m: BACKSTROKE
Phelps WR (2008 Olympics) **1:01.57**
Marchand (2022 Worlds) **1:03.12**

300m: BREASTSTROKE
Phelps WR (2008 Olympics) **1:10.56**
Marchand (2022 Worlds) **1:07.28**

400m: FREESTYLE
Phelps WR (2008 Olympics) **56.79**
Marchand (2022 Worlds) **58.34**

PHELPS

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> BOWMAN, who coached Phelps and now coaches Marchand

GAME THEORY

Giants among giants: the most decorated MVPs

Steph Curry this season won his first NBA Finals Most Valuable Player Award (best performing player in the best-of-seven title clash) after helping Golden State Warriors claim the championship. Curry has also earned the NBA MVP Award (best performing player in the regular season) twice in previous seasons. We take a look at the most prolific winners of both awards:

MOST NBA MVP AWARDS

Player	Team	Awards
Kareem Abdul-Jabbar	Milwaukee Bucks (3), Los Angeles Lakers (3)	6 (1971, 1972, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1980)
Bill Russell	Boston Celtics	5 (1958, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1965)
Michael Jordan	Chicago Bulls	5 (1988, 1991, 1992, 1996, 1998)
Wilt Chamberlain	Philadelphia Warriors (1), Philadelphia 76ers (3)	4 (1960, 1966, 1967, 1968)
LeBron James	Cleveland Cavaliers (2), Miami Heat (2)	4 (2009, 2010, 2012, 2013)
Moses Malone	Houston Rockets (2), Philadelphia 76ers (1)	3 (1979, 1982, 1983)
Larry Bird	Boston Celtics	3 (1984, 1985, 1986)
Magic Johnson	Los Angeles Lakers	3 (1987, 1989, 1990)
Bob Pettit	St. Louis Hawks	2 (1956, 1959)
Karl Malone	Utah Jazz	2 (1997, 1999)
Tim Duncan	San Antonio Spurs	2 (2002, 2003)
Steve Nash	Phoenix Suns	2 (2005, 2006)
Steph Curry	Golden State Warriors	2 (2015, 2016)
Giannis Antetokounmpo	Milwaukee Bucks	2 (2019, 2020)
Nikola Jokic	Denver Nuggets	2 (2021, 2022)

MOST NBA FINALS MVP AWARDS

Player	Team	Awards
Michael Jordan	Chicago Bulls	6 (1991, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 1998)
LeBron James	Miami Heat (2), Cleveland Cavaliers, Los Angeles Lakers	4 (2012, 2013, 2016, 2020)
Magic Johnson	Los Angeles Lakers	3 (1980, 1982, 1987)
Shaquille O'Neal	Los Angeles Lakers	3 (2000, 2001, 2002)
Tim Duncan	San Antonio Spurs	3 (1999, 2003, 2005)

Note: Willis Reed, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Larry Bird, Hakeem Olajuwon, Kobe Bryant, Kevin Durant and Kawhi Leonard have all won the Finals MVP award twice each

PICTURE THIS

MARCO KOST/GETTY IMAGES

In the wet

Batter Jason Heyward of the Chicago Cubs stands on deck as rain falls in the Major League Baseball (MLB) game against the Baltimore Orioles at Oriole Park in Maryland in early June.

While rain showers are unwelcome visitors at sporting events, they do give photographers the opportunity to get creative – as this picture shows.

Baseball is a touch sturdier than cricket when it comes to operating in the wet.

It helps that the ball doesn't have to bounce on the pitch and the deliverer of the ball doesn't run in, leap and land on the surface. So it's enough to ensure the pitcher's mound, the batting area and the infield dirt aren't dangerously slippery.

Teams will typically continue to play in light to moderate rain; heavy rain and standing water are another matter, however.

Roofed stadiums are more common in baseball than in cricket. This can take the form of a permanent domed roof or a retractable roof. The longest rain delay in a baseball game was clocked at seven hours and 23 minutes.

The Cubs and Orioles, winners of three World Series titles each, didn't have to wait that long; they merely rescheduled the game to August.

Probe ordered into substandard roadworks

'Sinkhole was near the road where the Prime Minister passed by and was not part of the route he took'

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Chief Civic Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath has ordered a probe into substandard roadworks in Mariyappanapalya and near Nagarbhavi Circle around Jnana Bharathi campus, where the works were taken up ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit recently.

Responding to queries on a sinkhole on the road ahead of Nagarbhavi Circle, Mr. Nath said the sinkhole had appeared on a road stretch that the civic body asphalted in November 2021 and redone recently.

"The sinkhole appeared because of water leakage. It is near the road where the Prime Minister passed by and not part of the route he took," he said, adding the Prime Minister's Office had sought a report on the same. "I have directed P. N. Ravindra, Special Commissioner (Projects), BBMP, to conduct an inquiry into the incident. After he files his report, officials responsible will be held to account and the report will be submitted to the PMO through the Chief Secretary," he said.

Mr. Nath has also ordered a probe on substandard road works in Mariyappanapalya. The media had reported that on a newly asphalted road, the asphalt layer had come off.

The road where the sinkhole appeared. • K. MURALI KUMAR

Disruptions in metro services on Purple Line today

'It's owing to the work from M.G. Road station to Trinity station'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

No train services will be available on Saturday (June 25) from 9.30 p.m from Baiyappanahalli to M.G. Road station.

In a press release, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has said that there will be partial suspension of metro services on the Purple Line to facilitate maintenance work from M.G. Road station to Trinity station.

According to the release, the last train from Kengeri to Baiyappanahalli will leave at 8.40 p.m and from Baiyappanahalli to Kengeri will leave at 9.30 p.m.

The last train from Majestic to Baiyappanahalli is scheduled at 9.10 p.m on that day.

However, there will be no disruptions in train services from Kengeri to M.G. Road from 9.30 p.m to 11 p.m.

On the Green Line, services will run as usual.

On Sunday, train services will resume normally as per schedule on the Purple Line.

CCB police arrest DJ and two Nigerians in separate drug cases

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The CCB police have arrested a DJ in the city for allegedly procuring drugs through the dark web from foreign countries and selling it here for higher prices.

The accused, Jipinjade Harry, was arrested in the Vivekanagar police station limits, and the police said they recovered MDMA ecstasy pills, LSD strips, marijuana, and a phone and a laptop worth ₹6.5 lakh from him.

According to the police, Harry used to sell the drugs he had procured for rates as high as ₹4,000 for MDMA Ecstasy pills, ₹8,000 to ₹10,000 for one LSD strip, and ₹1,000 - ₹2,000 for 10 grams of marijuana.

It was found during investigation that the accused had purchased marijuana from an African national and also some local peddlers. A case has been registered against him under the NDPS Act as investigation continues.

Two Nigerians held

In another case, the CCB police also nabbed two Nigerians in the Banaswadi police station limits and recovered 80 grams of MDMA and one mobile phone, which were worth ₹8 lakh, from them. Cases have been registered against them under the NDPS Act.

The duo had come to India five years ago on student visas and started purchasing drugs from known African acquaintances here to make money. They used to sell MDMA at ₹5,000 - ₹6,000 per gram to college students and IT/BT employees, the police said.

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'Delimitation draft is politically motivated'

The BJP has increased the number of wards in constituencies where they are strong: Congress

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Congress has come down heavily on the draft of the delimitation of 243 wards in the city, notified by the State government calling for objections on Thursday.

Terming it "politically motivated" and calling it a draft "prepared at RSS office", they have hinted at challenging it legally if their objections are not heeded to and suitable changes made. This has again put a question mark over the civic polls being held shortly.

"Only three constituencies – Shivajinagar, Chamarajpet and Jayanagar – all three with a significant minority population, have seen a reduction in the number of wards. It is very clear that these constituencies have been targeted," said Rizwan Arshad, MLA, Shivajinagar.

"We will study the draft carefully and submit our objections. If the government doesn't heed them, we will have no option but to approach the court challenging the draft," he said.

A file photo of the BBMP building. The draft of the delimitation of 243 wards in the city was notified by the State government on Thursday.

"Almost all constituencies represented by BJP have seen a spike in the number of wards, even where not warranted. For instance, core city constituencies like Basavanagaudi and C. V. Raman Nagar have seen an increase by two wards each, which is hard to explain. While constituencies like Bommanahalli and R. R. Nagar have seen a huge spike, constituencies with a dense population represented by the Congress like Sarvagnanagar have seen only a marginal increase in the number of wards. It is very clear the ruling BJP has increased the number of wards in constituencies they have a hold on, to ensure an upper hand in the BBMP council," said Krishna Byre Gowda, MLA, Byatarayanapura. As per the existing 198 wards, 106 wards – 55% – are in the 15 constituencies represented by BJP. However, under the new delimitation, 145 of the 243 wards – 60% – are in the same 15 constituencies represented by BJP.

'Clear aim to help BJP'

Another senior Congress leader said that in violation of rules, voter blocks have been shifted from one Assembly constituency to another in around eight areas across the city.

Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee working president and MLA Ramalinga Reddy said due process was not followed in delimitation of wards and dubbed the draft an "RSS draft".

"During earlier exercises of delimitation, revenue officers in each assembly constituency were involved in drawing up the boundaries of the wards. This time, no such exercise has been carried out. How did the delimitation committee arrive at these new wards without a local officer's work? This is a draft prepared by BJP in Keshava Krupa and it is evident. They have cut up wards without contiguity with a clear aim to help BJP," he alleged.

N.R. Ramesh, Bengaluru South District president, BJP, rubbished allegations that the delimitation draft was politically motivated. "Did the Congress also do a politically motivated delimitation exercise last time? The exercise has been impartial and carried out by bureaucrats without any political interference," he said.

Results of CLAT released on website

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The results of this year's Common Law Admission Test (CLAT 2022) were released on the website of the Consortium of National Law Universities on Friday night.

The CLAT is a national-level entrance exam for admissions to undergraduate and postgraduate law programmes offered by 22 national law universities around the country. The CLAT was held on June 19. A release said the meeting of the subject expert committee was held on June 22, which deliberated upon all the objections raised and submitted their report. The oversight committee met on June 23 and reviewed the findings of the subject expert committee.

"The executive committee unanimously accepted the recommendations of the oversight committee and directed the convener, CLAT 2022, to release the final answer key with changes as recommended by the subject expert committee and approved by the oversight committee," a consortium press release said.

Candidates can view their scores by logging into the consortium website with their admit card numbers.

Civic chief: Ward maps will be uploaded soon

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Following several residents groups and the Congress taking objection to the city's civic body publishing only ward boundaries and not maps, Chief Civic Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath announced that ward maps will be put before the public on Friday.

"All the proposed delimited ward maps will be put out at the zonal offices and the corporation headquarters for the public to view them and submit their objections," he said.

These ward maps will also be uploaded on a website https://bbmpdelimitation2022.com, very soon. "We are preparing the maps and will be uploaded soon," Mr. Giri Nath said, adding they were trying to ensure the maps were uploaded online by the end of the day. However, citizens can only use the website to refer to the delimitation and ward maps and won't be able to submit their objections online.

"The State government in its notification has mandated that objections can be submitted only at Room 436, ACS, UDD, Vidhana Soudha. So despite making a provision for submitting objections online earlier, we are not allowing the same now. Citizens have to either go to Vidhana Soudha or send in their objections by post," he said.

Objection to naming wards after historical figures

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Many have taken objection to city wards being named after historical figures. History and heritage enthusiast Udaya Kumar P.L. tweeted that he had submitted a "proposal to name wards based on the names of historic villages within the wards, but BBMP had preferred the names of unrelated people". "A place is far greater than any one individual. But when deification is the norm, you propose names of individuals for the city's wards," he tweeted.

Chief Civic commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said it was decided to name the wards so "based on the feedback on people's opinion", but later clarified it was not based on any direct survey.

He said if people had any objections to the names of the wards, they can submit their objections and the State government would look into it.

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ANNUAL REPAIRING CONTRACT

E-Tender Notice No. RN-ST-12-2022-23, Date: 22-06-2022. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work. **Name of Work:** Annual Repairing Contract (ARC) of Telecom assets (OFC cards, datacom equipments and UPS) installed in Rangiya Division of N.F. Railway for a period of 02 (Two) years. Tender Value: ₹29,95,058/-, Earnest Money: ₹59,900/-. **E-tender will be closed** at 15:00 hrs. and **Opened at** 15:30 hrs. on 15-07-2022 at Sr. DSTE/Rangiya office. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in website **www.ireps.gov.in**

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BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL No. II AT BENGALURU
No.4, Jeevan Mangal LIC Building, Residency Road, Bangalore-560025.

O.A. No. 1988 of 2020

Between: BANK OF INDIA, Electronic City Branch ...Applicant

And: M/s. Padmashree Enterprises Rep. by its Proprietor, Smt. Padmashree .Y ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (Procedure) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Defendants 1 and 2:

1. M/s. Padmashree Enterprises Rep. by its Proprietor Smt. Padmashree Y, Sy.No. 382, Mangasura Madivala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-562106.

2. Smt. Padmashree .Y, W/o Yellappa, #218, Shikaripalya, Near Wipro Gate, Electronic City, Bangalore-560105.

Also at Smt. Padmashree .Y, #215, Shikaripalya, Hullimangala Post, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-562106.

WHEREAS the applicant has instituted an application U/s-19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against you for the recovery of Rs.22,41,184.17 P.s (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Forty One Thousand One Hundred and Eighty Four and Seventeen Paisa Only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

The above mentioned Defendants are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal is person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **27.09.2022 at 10.30 am (forenoon)** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this tribunal on this 06th day of June 2022.

By Order of the Tribunal, Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal - II, Bengaluru - 560 025.

Land Ports Authority of India
(A statutory body under Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India)

Extension of last date for receiving Applications
Group – 'A', 'B', 'C' posts

Reference vacancy circular No. 13012/3/2020 (rectt.)/(3511273)/3625-39 dt. 11 May, 2022 published in Newspapers and Employment Newspaper regarding filling up various posts of Group – 'A', 'B', 'C' at its Headquarter in New Delhi and ICPs at Attari (Punjab), Agartala (Tripura), Petrapole (W.B), Raxaul (Bihar), Jogbani (Bihar), Moreh (Manipur) and Dawki (Meghalya) on deputation (Foreign Service).

2. Complete information of posts, eligibility criteria, application format and other details are available on the website at http://mha.nic.in/vacancies, http://lpai.gov.in, www.ncs.gov.in.

3. **Last date for receiving of applications has been extended from 24.06.2022 to 08.07.2022.** Incomplete and applications received after last date shall not be considered.

4. **Address for sending applications:**
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I, LAKSHMI Narasamma Vagarur, W/O. Lakshmikantha Reddy Vogururu, R/O. Flat 501, No 64, Mount View Enclave, SLNS Tower 2, Sonnappanahalli, Yelahanka, Blr-562157, have changed name to Lakshmi Narasamma Vogururu vide affdvt dtd 20/06/22

I, LAKSHMIKANTHA Reddy Kapa, S/O. Chinna Narasa Reddy Vogururu, R/O. Flat 501, No 64, Mount View Enclave, SLNS Tower 2, Sonnappanahalli, Yelahanka, Blr-562157, have changed name to Lakshmikantha Reddy Vogururu vide affdvt dtd 20/06/22

I, SHAIK Moula Sab, S/o C Mahaboob Sab, R/a Julapalya, Burudgunte Post, Bagepalli Taluk, Chikkaballapur District-563159, have changed my name to C.K. Moula Shariff vide affidavit dt: 18.06.2022 sworn before Notary R.Vishwanath, B'lore

I Shraddha Arvind Koppare D/O. Arvind Sukumar Koppare R/o B-1004, Mantri Serenity Apts, Kanakapura Main Road, Doddakallasandra, Bengaluru 560062, Karnataka, have changed my name to Shraddha Arvind for all purposes

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, LIYA Miriam D/o Shankar & W/o P.Anthony Vinodh, R/o.#19, 1st Cross, New Baiyappanahally, Bengaluru-38 have changed my name from Liya Miriam to Nandini.S and correct D O B from 27-09-91 to 20-10-93 vide affidavit dt:24-06-2022 before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

I, B. Praveen Kumar Age 47 Years S/o. Sri Basilmal Jain Residing at 1380, New No. 8 6th Cross, Ashok Nagar, BSK 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560050 do affirm that Smt. Rajkumari Jain is my spouse and I have changed my son's name from Ishu Loonkar to Yatharth Jain, Affidavit sworn before notary R. Vishwanath, Bengaluru-10. Reg.No.111/11

I, No.14812301 N, Ex Rank: T.S.NAIK, Name: Rajendra Murali, R/o Alandur House, Shetty Koppa Post, N.R Pura Taluk, Chikamangalore District, Pin-577134, Karnataka State have changed my minor Son's name from Surya Kiran M to Surya Kiran R, vide affidavit dt: 23.06.2022 sworn before Notary B.M.Chandrashekar, B'lore

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
PROBATE C.P. No. 9 OF 2022
In the matter of the goods of JOSEPH THARIAN : intestate and deceased

1. Mrs. Maureen C. Joseph, wife of late Mr. Bibel Joseph Tharian, and daughter-in-law of the above named deceased, aged about 42 years.

2. Miss Bibina Mary Joseph daughter of late Mr. Bibel Joseph, granddaughter of the above named deceased, aged about 15 years, minor represented by her natural guardian and mother Mrs. Maureen C. Joseph.

3. Miss Michelle Dana Joseph daughter of late Mr. Bibel Joseph, granddaughter of the above named deceased, aged about 12 years, minor represented by her natural guardian and mother Mrs. Maureen C. Joseph.

Petitioners 1 to 3 all are presently residing at No: 56, Ground Floor, 3rd Cross, Rajanna Layout, Near Shilpa Bakery, Horamavu Agara, Bangalore - 560 043.

4. Mrs. Babita Mary Tharian aged about 36 years, daughter of the above named deceased, wife of Mr. Basil Issac, presently residing at No: 109 Paramount Samadura Serene, Manipal County Road, Singasandra, Bangalore - 560068.

...PETITIONERS

-VS-

Nil ...RESPONDENT

WHEREAS the petitioners above named have made a Petition under Prt IX (Section 270, 278 & 300) of the Indian Succession Act 1925, for grant of Letters of Administration to the property and credits of the Deceased Joseph Tharian, late of No.F4, R.N. Residency, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, NRI Layout, R.M. Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 016.

BE IT KNOWN that no Caveat has been entered and that the said Petition is posted for hearing **on 11.07.2022** and all persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the Deceased may come and see the proceedings before the grant of the Letters of Administration.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 09.06.2022.

By Order of the Hon'ble Court,
Assistant Registrar,
High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru
Counsel for the Petitioner :
Ms. Ann Mary Green
No. 20, Lavelle Road, 3rd Cross, Bengaluru - 560 001.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COMMERCIAL COURT AT BENGALURU (CCH - 87)
COMM.O.S.NO. 201/ 2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Corporate & Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007
and branch office at Mystree Center, No.#4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068 ...Plaintiff

And
Sri. Bhimanna & Another
...Defendants

APPLICATION UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF C.P.C.

Summons to Defendant No.1 & 2

D1. Sri. Bhimanna,
S/o. Sri. Shivappa, No.31/5, Narayana Reddy Layout, Somasundarapalya, Bangalore-560068

Also at- Sri. Bhimanna, Manvi Taluk, Sanna Hoser, Lakkamdini, Raichur- 584129

D2. Smt. Huligemma,
W/o. Sri. Bhimanna, Sanna Hosur, Madagini, Raichur- 584129

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted a suit against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.13,90,784/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Ninety Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Four Only)** together with interest thereon at the rate 24% p.a., with costs etc. You may take notice that you are hereby directed to appear before this court, in person, or through pleader on **28/07/2022** at **11:00 a.m.,** to answer as to why relief prayer for in the suit should not be granted. If you fail to appear on the above said date, the suit will be proceeded with and decided ex-parte. Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 22.06.2022

BY ORDER OF COURT
CITY CIVIL COURT, BENGALURU

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates, No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560047

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I HITHERTO known as " Adarsh Gujjar " Son of " Prakash Gujjar " residing at C/o Prakash Gujjar, No.169, Dinne Palya, Uttarahalli Hobli, Kanakapura Road, Entrance of Sapthanidhi Kuteera, Uttari, Kagalipura, Bengaluru-560082 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as " Asa Wasprs Ebatescrad ". I have changed only my name not my religion. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection, vide affidavit dt: 24.06.2022 sworn before VI Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF HON'BLE 57th Addl. CITY CIVIL SESSION JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BENGALURU (CH-58)
O.S. No. 2517 4/2021

BETWEEN:
M/s ICICI BANK Ltd
Having its branch office at 4/10., Mythree Tower Bommanahalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore-560 068 And represented by its Collection Manager
Mr. Pramod G. ...PLAINTIFF

AND
Mr. Aquib Javed I
...DEFENDANT

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
MR. AQUIB JAVED I
S/o Imtiya Ahmed
Aged about 27 Years
Residing at No. 179, 4th C Cross, A Block, Rashad Nagar, Near SBI ATM, Arabic College, Bangalore - 560045

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of Rs.4,54,268.91/- as on 29/01/2021 along with interest 24% P.A. and other consequential relif. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 57th Addl' City Civil Session Judge Mayo hall at Bangalore (CH - 58) in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on 03rd August 2022 at 11:00A.M. take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentionrd before the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this court, this 20th day of June 2022.

By Order of the Court
Asst./ Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court
Mayohall Unit, Bangaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
ANVAYA LAW, ADVOCATES AND CONSULTANTS
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Bengaluru- 560001
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Contact:
0413-2271607, 9894346412
e-mail id: ponlaitmd@gmail.com
e-procurement cell: 0413-2220225

MANAGING DIRECTOR

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Mahalakshmipuram Division,12th Main, 11th Cross, West of Chord Road, Bengaluru.

No.EE/MLP/E-PROC/GOODS/318/2022-23 Date: 24.06.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Mahalakshmipuram Division, invites item rate tenders from eligible Contractors for the works detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Descrption of Items	Unit	Quantity
1	HP Laserjet Pro M126nw Multi-Function Direct Wireless Network Laser Printer (Print, Copy, Scan, Black),As per ISO/IEC 24711 and including fixing and complete as per engineer in-charge.	No.	1.00
2	Active LED video Wall (Main) Indoor Active LED Display, P2.5 (Pixel Pitch), Size 12.598 ft x 7.086 ft (Including Cabinets, Wall Mount brackets, Buffer Stocks, LED Panel Controller), No. of Cabinets 1, No,. of Spare Cabinets 1, Diagonal 173.44 inch, resolution 1536x864 As per IS16101-2012 and including fixing and complete as per engineer in-charge.	No.	1.00
3	Providing and fixing Standard Make 6 Pair Signal Cable with conducting As per IS 8130-1984 and including fixing and complete as per engineer in-charge.	mtr.	1.00
4	Providing and fixing Standard Make Metal Structure for Video Wall support including material, labour charge as per IS 16010-2012 and including fixing and complete as per engineer in-charge.	Sqm.	1.00
5	Providing and fixing Samsung or LG TV Panel (Side) 98" 4K UHD Display with wallmount Resolution 3,840 x 2,160,Brightness(Typical) 500 nits. As per ISO/IEC 24711 Including material fitting charges and labour charge as per engineer guidelines.	No.	1.00
6	Standard Make TV Panel 6Pairx 2 Signal Cable With Conducting As per IS 8130 1984 Including material fitting charges and labour charge as per engineer guidelines.	Mtr.	1.00
7	Providing and Fixing Standard Make TV Panel 4K HDMI Switcher 1Input 4Output As per ISO/IEC 24711 and including fixing and complete as per engineer in-charge.	No.	1.00
8	Providing and Fixing Standard Make TV Panel HDMI Cable Optical Fiber Armored 50Mts As per IS 13882-1-1 Including material fitting charges and labour charge as per engineer guidelines.	No.	1.00
9	Providing and Fixing Audio -Make : Tone Art Model : TA 240 Amplifier 600 Wx 2 ch @8 Ohms As per IS 616-2010 Including material fitting charges and labour charge as per engineer guidelines.	No.	1.00
10	Providing and Fixing Audio-Make : DBX Model : 360 Audio Processor As per IS 616-2010 Including material fitting charges and labour charge as per engineer guidelines.	No.	1.00
11	Providing and Fixing Audio-Make : Nova Acoustics (Germany) Model :IC12 A Stage Monitor, Powered with DSP 12" woofer and 1.35" 124 Db SPL As per IS 616-2010 Including material fitting charges and labour charge as per engineer guidelines.	No.	1.00
12	Providing and Fixing Audio -Make Studio Master Model: Air 12U 12Channel Mixer, With USB & Bluetooth As per IS 616-2010 Including material fitting charges and labour charge as per engineer guidelines.	No.	1.00
13	Providing and Fixing Audio - Make :Nova Acoustics (Germany) Model Visio12 Wall mount speakers, 12" Low, 1.75" Horn 300 W 126db As per IS 616-2010 Including material fitting charges and labour charge as per engineer guidelines.	No.	1.00
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16	Providing and Fixing Standard Make Wooden Podium SIZE (2' X1.2' Feet) As per IS 2102-1993 Including material fitting charges and labour charge as per engineer guidelines.	No.	1.00
17	Providing and supplying Belden 2.5Sqmm OFC Speaker cable (German Make) As per IS 8130-1984 Including material fitting charges and labour charge as per engineer guidelines.	Mtr.	1.00
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19	Providing and supplying Standard Make Wall Mount Brackets for speakers As per IS 616-2010 Including material fitting charges and labour charge as per engineer guidelines.	No.	1.00
20	Providing and supplying Standard Make Equipment Rack, 22U with PDU & Cooling Fan As per IS 16101-2012 and including fixing and complete as per engineer incharge specification and engineer incharge	No.	1.00
21	Providing and supplying Standard Make Stabilizer Servo Controlled Voltage Stabilizer 10KVA(1 Phase, Air-Cooled), Output Voltage230V+/- 1%, Under Voltage or Over Voltage Cutoff, Input & Output voltage with Frequency display, over Load & Short Circuit Protection, Efficiency >96%,170V | 1270V As per IS 1651 IEC 60896-1 including all Etc complete as per Engineer incharge.	No.	1.00
	Providing and supplying Cat 6 Cable with convertor for interactive board with includes all labour charges transportation charges, installation charges and all other taxes with all lead and lift as per the approval of data rate As per IS 8130 1984 1651 including all Etc complete as per Engineer incharge.	Mtr	1.00
23	Providing and supplying Hikvision DS-2DE4215IW-DE (E) 2MP 15x Network IR Speed Dome adopts 1/2.8" progressive scan CMOS chip. With the 15x optical zoom lens, the camera offers more details over expansive areas As per IS 8130 10001-1981 including all Etc complete as per Engineer incharge.	No.	1.00
24	Providing & supplying and fixing Eureka Forbes wet and dry vacuum cleaner (MU-PRO VAC WD 77), Dimensions 510mmx600mmx950mm Tank Capacity77 ltrs, Air Flow54/108 LPS, Voltage 230-240/50-60 Hz as per IS 302-2-2 1997 including all Etc complete as per Engineer incharge.	No.	1.00
25	Providing & supplying and installation HP A10 22-df1171in pc 11th Gen Corei31125G4 Processor 8GB RAM 1TB HDD windows 11 Microsoft Office Home & Student Edition 2021, Integrated Graphics Wired keyboard and Mouse 22inch FHD Display as per IS14692(Part1) -1999) ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993 including all Etc complete as per Engineer incharge.	No.	1.00
26	Providing supplying and fixing Epson HD ready Ultra short throw projector : I±3" OPTICAL, Projection Ratio 0,31:1, Zoom Digital, Factor: 1 - 1,35, Projection Size 56inches - 93inches, Projection Distance Wide 0,4m (56inchscreen), Projection Distance Tele 0,6m (93inchscreen), Projection Lens F Number 1,8 Focal Distance 3,71mm, :2013, Resolution XGA, 1024 x 768, 4:3, Contrast Ratio 10.000. 1 lamp 215W, 5.000hdurability, 10.000hdurability as per IS 13252 (Part 1) : 2010 including all Etc complete as per Engineer incharge.	No.	1.00
27	Providing supplying and fixing 55 inch led display Viewing the Camera with includes all labour charges transportation charges, Installation charges and all other taxes with all lead and lift as per the approval of engineer incharge. As per 1516101-2012 and including fixing and complete as per engineer incharge.	No.	1.00
28	Providing and supplying Installation of 20KVA UPS SYSTEM MAKE:EMERSON/DELTA, Supply of 12V/65AH SMF Batteries make Exide, Battery stand, Inter connecting cables, Transportation charges, Installation As per IS 16242 : Part 1 including all Etc complete as per Engineer incharge.	No.	1.00
29	Providing and supplying Supply of 12V/65AH SMF Batteries make Exide As per IS 1651 IEC 60896-1 including all Etc complete as per Engineer incharge.	No.	1.00
30	Automatic Water Level Controller with panel board (IS 302-2-2 1997) and cabling installation complete as per specifications and as per directions of the Engineer-in-Charge.	No.	1.00
31	Drinking water tank(Hot/Normal)of size 1200x600x2000(2mm sheet), Wheel mounted 63mm dia, Diaphragm/Booster pump 600/800gpd,24v,5 amps x 1no, Filter 5 micron spun filter 10" x 2.5 GAC Filter 10" 2 s", Storage tank 200 liters plain 304 Grade, 2mm Stainless steel sheet, Inlet water pressure 0.3 kg / cm, Number of Faucet 4, Instrumentation 3/8"Brass SV, Danfoss Commercial LPS, Auto Flush, Float switch, TDS controller (IS 14724 :1999) including all Etc complete as per Engineer incharge.	No.	1.00
32	Providing supplying and fixing Drinking water tank(Hot/Normal)of size 750x530x1840, Wheel mounted 63mm dia, Diaphragm/Booster pump 600/800gpd.24v,5 amps x 1no, Filter 5 micron spun filter 10" x 2.5 GAC Filter 10" x 2.5", Storage tank 50 liters plain 304 Grade, 2mm Stainless steel sheet, Inlet water pressure 0.3 kg / cm, Number of Faucet 4, Instrumentation 3/8" Brass SV, Danfoss Commercial LPS, Auto Flush, Float switch, TDS controller (IS 14724 :1999) including all Etc complete as per Engineer incharge.	No.	1.00
33	Drinking water tank(Hot/Normal)of size 1100x530x1840, Wheel mounted 63mm dia, Diaphragm/Booster pump 600/800gpd 24v,5 amps x 1no, Filter 5 micron spun filter 10" x 2.5 GAC Filter 10" x 2,5", Storage tank 100 liters plain 304 Grade, 2mm Stainless steel sheet, Inlet water pressure 0.3 kg / cm, Number of Faucet 4, Instrumentation3/8"Brass SV, Danfoss Commercial LPS, Auto Flush, Float switch, TDS controller, (IS 14724 :1999) including all Etc complete as per Engineer incharge.	No.	1.00
34	Providing Plants (Shrubs) with pots of Size 150mm X 150mm (Including Transportation and Handling Charges)	No.	1.00
35	Providing and fixing Colour Pebble Stones for Fountain with pebble stone size of 20 to 40 mm Rounded Aggregates including cement mortor 1:3.	Sqm	1.00
36	Providing and supplying different Decorative Plants with pots of 300mm X 300mm (Including Transportation an Handling Charges).	No.	1.00
37	Supplying of Good Quality Red Soil for Gardening and Growing of plants, shrubs etc., including Transportation and labour Charge.	Cum	1.00

1) RFP documents may be downloaded from e-procurement portal. **2)** Last date for receipt of tenders: **12.07.2022, upto 16:00 Hrs. 3)** Date of opening of tender documents: **14.07.2022 at 11.30 Hrs.** Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Mahalakshmipuram Division.

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The vault catches the eye

A dining space built amidst lush green surroundings. By **NANDHINI SUNDAR**

When an eatery is built amidst thick greens, water and surrounding hills, the dining experience proves to be totally relaxing, rejuvenating, not to mention romantic. But when the exhilarating setting is teamed with an expansive brick vault, leaving the walls totally open to connect with the landscape, the experience proves to be not only exquisite but also one filled with awe.

The dine-in designed by Architect Senthil Kumar Doss of Play Architecture serves to be just that, built over a lush green valley in Sakleshpur. The 12-acre site is surrounded by green hills and a lake, where a stream branches off from the lake to snake through the terrain and thence into the thick rainforest landscape. Roofed with an iconic 16.5m span brick vaulted structure, the 2,500 sq. ft restaurant is totally open visually on all sides, to feast on the abounding exterior greenery.

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Timbrel vault

"The Timbrel vault adopted here follows the traditional 800-year African technique that also became popular in Spain four centuries back yet lost its ground couple of centuries later. Fortunately it was revived by Raphael Guastavino in the United States and recently by Architect Peter Rich in South Africa", explains Doss on the technique used in building the clay tile vault.

> The layers serve as the structural sandwich with each direction of the pattern laid adding to the tensile strength

The 150mm thick vault is built with thin laminated clay tiles which come in five layers, each layer made of 15mm clay tiles, with the tiles laid in different patterns so as to crisscross and strengthen the structure. "The layers serve as the structural sandwich with each direction of the pattern laid adding to the tensile strength", explains Doss. The entire shape of the vault is built using thin steel *rebars*, which served as the temporary support to hold the first set of tiles.

According to him, traditionally wood was used as the temporary support to create the form. "We chose thin 8mm steel grids instead of wood", he clarifies. Incidentally, given his firm belief in putting waste to good use, Doss repurposed this form work in steel into furniture, railings and other components in the structure.

Flowing with natural forces

The catenary-based double curved, thin tile vault reflects the principles of 'resistance through form', with the vault built using axial compression. "This makes the structure strong and long lasting", states Doss. Further, the form of the vault and its structural forces follow the direction of water flow. "This was done to ensure the man-made structure is tuned totally to the forces of nature", he points out.

Interestingly, the structural form was built hands-on, with no structural analysis but merely using structural logic with the help of local people who were trained. "The foundation as well as getting the right force lines in place to support as well as retain the finished vault was guided by Architect Peter Rich", Doss adds.

"The final form that came about is form active and permits the structure to gently transfer the forces to the ground. This functional feature enabled us to execute this large span", he elaborates on the technique.

Incidentally, the brick vault, sweeping over four arches that form the four openings of the 1500 sq. ft covered dining space, is strong enough to walk over. "We tested the strength after completion by having 20 people walk over it", smiles Doss. "But the gradient of the sweep is quite sharp and this makes the climb and descent a challenge", he cautions.

Salvaged pipes

The semi-open dining area as well as its accompanying outdoor dining space is built over the valley, where a stream lazily meanders through the depression formed between two elevated topographies.

A dense set of trees mark this shallow valley. To support the 32mm thick *Sadarahalli* stone slabs that form the floor over this valley, Doss used salvaged GI pipes, which, given their thinness, blend seamlessly with the already existing set of tall trees. "This aided in visually negating the structural support under the stone slabs", he points out.

Glass walls

The restaurant comes in two sections, the interior dining experience featuring under the semi-open vault, which opens on to an exterior open-to-sky dining space. The interiors are seamlessly connected to the exterior dining area and thence to the thick greens, hills and water through the glass panels and doors under the large arches of the vault. "The glass walls needed to be in place as this region is extremely windy with abounding rains that impact the interiors. The glass walls ensure the interiors are protected from harsh weather, yet the connect to the exteriors is complete and unhindered", Doss clarifies.

Multiple challenges

Given the intent of the structure and the setting of the eatery in Sakleshpur, the décor is minimal, the seating done in steel and glass to blend into the surroundings. Not a single tree was cut while erecting the structure, the form fused into the landscape. Yet the execution was not easy, Architect Senthil Kumar Doss of Play Architecture adds. "The high water table brought in multiple challenges, especially while erecting the concrete columns for support under the Sadarahalli floor. Added to this was the ceaseless downpour in this region that lasts over six months."

Doss attributes the successful completion of the work to his client Sentinel Adventures "who extended unconditional support." He is also quick to acknowledge the full funding of the initial research of the vaulting technique to CARE School of Architecture, Tiruchi, "without which we would have been unable to execute." The structure recently received the World Architecture Community Award for its exemplary execution.

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TAC comes out with revised norms for RWAs

'No need to seal down the floors, towers, blocks'

AFSHAN YASMEEN
BENGALURU

Recommending revised guidelines for resident welfare associations (RWAs) in view of the gradual rise in cases in Bengaluru, the State's COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has said there is no need to seal down the floors, towers, blocks in apartment complexes and educational institutions where clusters are reported.

Reviewing the current pandemic situation in Bengaluru that continues to be the epicentre of COVID-19 in Karnataka, the TAC at its 174th meeting on Thursday said there is no need to take up mass testing of asymptomatic residents in the apartment complexes or educational institution where clusters are reported.

"In case of small clusters (<5 cases) all symptomatic persons in the flats on the floor; large cluster (≥ 5 cases) all symptomatic persons in the flats of the block/tower; outbreak (-≥15cases) all symptomatic persons in the apartment complex as determined by the local health authority should be tested by Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT). Those testing positive should be isolated and managed as per the State's guidelines such as home isolation or COVID Care Centre isolation or hospitalisation," stated the TAC report.

While advising that additional samples for RT-PCR should be taken from those who test RAT positive in clusters, the TAC has said: "RAT test is done for rapid diagnosis and immediate isolation of symptomatic persons. However, there is no mandate to take additional samples for RT-PCR from those who test RAT positive as RAT positivity is taken as confirmatory of COVID-19 infection. But in outbreaks and clusters, where RAT is used, additional samples for RT-PCR should be collected and those with Cycle Threshold (CT) value less than 25 should be sent for genome sequencing."

However, the TAC has reiterated that high-risk asymptomatic persons such as senior citizens and those with comorbidities should be tested only by RT-PCR and not RAT. There should be strict enforcement of COVID appropriate behaviour such as compulsory face masking in common areas, the report stated.

Recommending that those with COVID-19 symptoms should not attend office, educational institutions (other than schools upto Class XII), the TAC has said if RAT positive, they should be isolated and managed as per protocols. "If RAT is negative, RT-PCR testing should be done and such persons should isolate themselves and await results of the test and then follow protocols accordingly. If someone tests positive, close contacts and primary contacts who are symptomatic should be tested by RAT and if positive should be isolated and managed."

TAC has said there is no need to take up mass testing of asymptomatic residents in apartment complexes where clusters are reported.

COVID-19: State reports 816 new cases, zero deaths

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka on Friday saw 816 new infections taking the total number of cases to 39,64,449. With this the day's Test Positivity Rate (TPR) rose to 3.62% and the weekly TPR touched 3.75%.

Of the new cases, 776 have been reported from Bengaluru Urban alone.

With zero deaths, the State's toll remained 40,072. Besides, 42 deaths of patients due to non-COVID-19 reasons have also been recorded.

As many as 703 persons were discharged on Friday taking the total recoveries to 39,19,155.

Active cases stood at 5,180 on Friday.

Staff of dialysis units withdraw strike

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Following an assurance by Health and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar that their demands will be considered, employees of the 122 State-run dialysis units withdrew their strike on Friday.

Over 4,000 renal patients in the State were hit on Thursday following a strike by employees of the dialysis units.

On Friday, the employees met the Health Minister and top officials from the department. They withdrew their strike after an assurance from the Minister, according to an official press release.

The Minister directed the district health officers to ensure smooth functioning of the dialysis centres and accommodate all patients on the waiting list.

No entry into govt. offices without mask

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The TAC has recommended introducing a strict 'No Mask No Entry' rule in government institutions in Bengaluru. To begin with, it should be started with immediate effect in Arogya Soudha, the TAC has said.

Reiterating strict enforcement of compulsory masking in closed public areas like shopping complexes, malls, public transport, cinemas and theatres, clubs, higher educational institutions, offices, factories, industries, business establishments and restaurants, the TAC has said: "It is time now to penalise the defaulters under Disaster Management /Epidemic Diseases Act. The State Government should issue necessary orders in this regard. However, while collecting the fine a face mask should be provided to the person."

Guidelines for domestic help

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

For domestic servants working in households having COVID-19 infected persons under home isolation, the TAC has said that only asymptomatic persons aged below 60 who are fully vaccinated (along with precaution dose) should be allowed to work wearing N-95 masks.

"They should strictly stay away from the room of infected persons. There is no need for quarantine and testing. The facilities in the common areas should be closed till the recovery of the last case and subsequently sanitised for reuse," the report stated..

Baby with rare brain malformation undergoes complex surgery

It had 'Vein of Galen Malformation'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A one-year-old baby from Yemen underwent a complex surgery at a private hospital in the city, for a rare condition called 'Vein of Galen Malformation' (VOGM), a blood vessel abnormality inside the brain.

She was brought to SPARSH Hospital, where the surgery was performed, with hydrocephalus, also known as enlargement of the head, and delayed neurological milestones (limited physical and mental growth).

Although a year old, she seemed to have achieved a growth of about six months only.

The CT and MRI scans that were done earlier showed signs of VOGM, a congenital disorder that disrupts the usual flow of blood to the brain.

Heart failure

In VOGM, misshapen arteries in the brain connect directly with veins, instead of connecting with capillaries, which help slow down blood flow. This causes a rush of high-pressure blood into the veins.

This rush of blood can cause heart failure. Such conditions are usually noticed during anomaly scans in pregnancy, and appropriate measures are taken.

Therefore, it's very uncommon to see this condition in the post-natal period, said Bhaskar M.V., Chief Interventional Neuro-Radiologist at the hospital.

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INTERVIEW | BARAGUR RAMACHANDRAPPA

'Govt. targeting me because of my ideology of secularism, equality'

Head of earlier textbook revision committee says Minister should resolve the issue through discussions and with a proper methodology

JAYANTH R.
BENGALURU

A day after four Ministers of the BJP government in Karnataka panned the textbook revision done earlier during the Congress regime, the former chairman of the textbook revision committee ***Baragur Ramachandrappa*** *hit back and took exception to the "branding" of the exercise done by him.*

On Thursday, Revenue Minister R. Ashok had defended the textbook revision done by the committee led by Rohith Chakrathirtha and said what was done earlier by Mr. Ramachandrappa was aimed at "minority appeasement".

Responding to this, Mr. Ramachandrappa on Friday said that his revision was based on the Central and State curriculum framework and values enshrined in the Constitution.

He suggested that rather than mount "baseless allegations" against him and the textbooks framed by him in 2017-18, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai should convene a meeting of those who were objecting to the revisions done by the Mr. Chakrathirtha-led committee and resolve the issues in a democratic manner.

He shared his view with The Hindu *on the textbook controversy. Excerpts:*

Why do you think the committee led by you is drawing flak after so many years?

■ The BJP government is targeting me because mine is the ideology of secularism and equality and theirs is one of casteism and fundamentalism. Yes, I do lean towards Leftist ideology, but I have also been a strong critic of Left parties when I felt that there was a need to do so. This is evident in my speeches and writings. I have never identified myself with any political party. I revised the school textbooks as a loyalist to the cause of education and not as a communist or anything else.

I believe in the Hinduism propagated by Swami Vivekananda and Mahatma Gandhi, not Nathuram Godse

Our committee's revisions were adapted in 2017-18. In these five years, we got only two objections. The objections were for one paragraph of the lesson in Class VI Social Science textbook, 'Hosa Dharmagala Udaya' and another on Tipu Sultan. They were raised by Karnataka Brahmin Mahasabha and MLA Appachu Ranjan, respectively. This was discussed, with documents, and we decided after a thorough study by the DSERT and the KTBS that there is no need to remove any content. But later, the former Minister for Primary and Secondary Education S. Suresh Kumar ordered that these portions need not be taught. No other major objections were even raised over the last five years. But now the State government and the BJP are targeting me for their fundamentalist project. Having a difference of opinion is not wrong, but it should not end up as virulent targeting.

The Minister has said that there are 150 mistakes in the textbooks revised by you.

■ Mr. Chakrathirtha had earlier said he had found 800 mistakes in my committee's revised textbooks. But now Mr. Ashok has said that there are 150. Instead of making loose remarks every day, the Minister concerned should resolve the issue through discussions and with a proper methodology. If I so wish, I can find mistakes in every line of the recently revised textbook. In the lesson on Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, we had given complete details about his reforms and achievements. But, Mr. Chakrathirtha's committee has dropped two major issues such as providing reservation to the OBCs and voting power to women.

There are allegations that textbooks revised by you insulted Hindu gods and rulers and glorified Muslim rulers. How do you respond?

■ It is baseless. I believe in the Hinduism propagated by Swami Vivekananda and Mahatma Gandhi, not Nathuram Godse. My consistent stand has been against fundamentalism in any religion.

Textbook row: 'Govt. propagating a pack of lies'

No insult was meted out to any personality who contributed to building of this State: Ex-CM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition and former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday said the BJP government in Karnataka was telling a "series of lies" on school textbook revision issue and behaving "irresponsibly" in an important and sensitive matter related to children's education.

This came a day after Revenue Minister R. Ashok held a press conference to claim that the revision done during Mr. Siddaramaiah's regime earlier was aimed at "minority appeasement" and the revision done now by the committee led by Rohith Chakrathirtha was unnecessarily being targeted by the Opposition and a section of writers.

Siddaramaiah

In his 33-point rebuttal with comparison of additions and deletions, he alleged, "Texts that projected ideals of social justice, equality of genders, inclusivity have been removed and replaced with lessons that put forth the ideology of the BJP and the Sangh Parivar."

He argued that Mr. Chakrathirtha had no qualification to head the committee and had gone ahead with revisions without following proper procedure or even an official order that gave the mandate for revision.

Countering the allegation that the earlier textbooks, revised during his time by writer Baragur Ramachandrappa, had "insulted" the Wadiyar kings, Kempe Gowda, and others, Mr. Siddaramaiah contended that, on the contrary, it was the revision done by the current regime that had insulted them. "There was no insult meted out to any king or personality who contributed to the building of this State," he argued. He further alleged that Mr. Chakrathirtha-led committee had removed several lessons on important women icons of Karnataka.

"The revision done by Mr. Chakrathirtha committee seeks to present the *vaidika* version of history as the only history of the country," he said, accusing the committee of deliberately distorting history at many places.

Mr. Siddaramaiah has demanded that the textbooks revised during his time be retained since it was done on a "scientific basis" and the government should apologise for "telling a series of lies" on the subject.

Seetharam hits out at State Cong. leadership

He is miffed over denial of ticket to contest Council polls

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Senior Congress leader and former Minister M.R. Seetharam, who was miffed over being denied the party ticket to contest the recent Legislative Council election, convened a convention of his supporters, including Balija community leaders, at the Palace Grounds here on Friday and criticised the functioning of the party in the State.

Without mentioning the name of KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, Mr. Seetharam hit out at the party leadership and said "all is not well in the party". Mr. Seetharam, a loyalist of the former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, said he would convene a major convention of his supporters next month and announce his decision. Mr. Seetharam belongs to the backward Balija community, which has major presence in Chickballapur, Kolar, and Tumakuru districts.

His family runs a group of educational institutions in Bengaluru. Mr. Seetharam, who won twice from the Malleshwaram Assembly constituency, was defeated in 2008. He did not contest the 2018 elections.

Bhadravati Congress MLA B.K. Sangamesh, the former MLC M.D. Lakshminarayana, and youth leader Raksha Ramaiah, Mr. Seetharam's son, were among those who attended the convention.

Congress leader M.R. Seetharam with his supporters at a convention in Bengaluru on Friday.

Mr. Seetharam said the party appointed his son and former Karnataka Youth Congress president Raksha Ramaiah as national general secretary of the Indian Youth Congress. However, he had been denied the chance of completing the full term of the presidency of the State Youth Congress, he said.

Mohammed Haris Nalapad, son of Shantinagar Congress MLA N.A. Haris, took over as the Karnataka Youth Congress chief from Mr Raksha Ramaiah.

Mr. Sangamesh said the party high command should take steps to set right the injustice done to Mr. Seetharam, while Mr. Lakshminarayan said the party leaders had hatched a "conspiracy" to sideline the backward classes leader. Voters of backward classes would teach a lesson to the party in the coming elections if senior leaders are not treated properly, he warned.

Will offer knowledge to start-ups: ISRO

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will offer encouragement, knowledge, and market information to start-ups to ensure the growth and development of the space industry, said S. Somanath, Chairman, ISRO and Secretary, Department of Space, here on Friday.

"The industry has been having a strong association with the Indian Space Programme all along. ISRO will offer support to start-ups in terms of encouragement, knowledge, ability to identify the market outside and provision of a conducive environment to ensure the growth of the space sector," he said while speaking at a national conference on 'Development of Space Start-up Ecosystem in India'. Some 85% of ISRO's finances were for the industries that built components for its rockets and satellites. The space agency received the bulk of its work from the private sector, he added.

Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, said, start-ups and industries should make use of the best business environment created by the Centre and build on the existing technology base in the country instead of getting discouraged by detractors.

Open letter urges CM to stem 'steep downturn in State's inclusive reputation'

As many as 75 writers, scholars, artists, scientists are signatories to it

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

As many as 75 writers, scholars, artists, filmmakers, scientists, and former bureaucrats have written to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai underlining the urgent need to restore peace and religious harmony in Karnataka in the light of some recent incidents.

The signatories have said that they have been trying to secure an appointment with Mr. Bommai for over a month with no success, to discuss the situation in Karnataka, forcing them to write an open letter.

"We believe the restoration of communal harmony is an important and urgent task, and trust that the government you head will not wish to go down in history as the one that precipitated a steep downturn in the reputation and fortunes of our State through inaction," the letter states. "We are a group of concerned citizens from different walks of life based in Karnataka who, like lakhs of fellow citizens, are deeply disturbed by recent developments in the State that threaten to destroy the peace, diversity and pluralism for which Kannada Naadu has long been known," the letter states.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai

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THE SIGNATORIES

Among the signatories are Girish Kasaravalli, Vivek Shanbagh, M.S. Satyu, Ramachandra Guha, Vaidehi, Shashi Deshpande, S.G. Vasudev, Vinod Vyasulu, Tejaswini Niranjana, Janaki Nair, Deepa Dhanraj, A.R. Vasavi, Sabiha Bhoomi Gowda, Nagesh Hegde, Ammu Joseph, Lakshmipathi Kolar, Satyajit Mayor, Chiranjiv Singh, and Pratibha Nandakumar.

"It is not for nothing that our Rashtra Kavi Kuvempu's Naada Geethe (State anthem) described this land as *sarva janangada shantiya thota* – a garden of peace for diverse communities – nearly a century ago. It is this open-minded, cosmopolitan culture of Karnataka that has made it a magnet for creative and innovative minds from across the country in more recent times," the signatories said. It is in this backdrop that the recent spate of attacks of various kinds aimed at Muslim, Christian, and Dalit communities has shocked and upset those who pride themselves on Karnataka's inclusive nature, they said. It is even more alarming that some people in responsible positions, including several who have taken an oath to uphold the letter and spirit of the Constitution of India, are party to it, the letter added.

The signatories have sought strong action against those who indulge in hate speech and misinformation. They have also appealed to the media "that have been openly stoking the fires of division and discord" to stop such malpractice.

It is now Dept. of School Education and Literacy

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government has issued an order renaming the Department of Primary and Secondary Education as the 'Department of School Education and Literacy'.

Under one umbrella

Across the nation, education up to Class XII (or pre-university) comes under school education and the National Education Policy 2020 also reiterates this. So, experts had suggested to the government that it is necessary to bring all of primary and secondary education, including the Department of Public Instruction and the Department of Pre-University Education, under one umbrella, according to the order.

The order stated that the change in nomenclature was being carried out as per the direction of the Primary and Secondary Education Minister.

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DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

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IN THE COURT OF THE VII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE - CCH-19

O.S. No. 242 OF 2022

Between
KUM. UMA, D/o Late Shri. P.R. Chandrashekar, aged about 40 years, Residing at No. J-94/4, Anjaneya Block, 1st Cross, Near Mahila Vidhyalaya School, Seshadripuram, Bangalore - 560 020
.....PLAINTIFF

AND
SHRI. DEVARAJE GOWDA
...DEFENDANT

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 (1) (a) OF THE CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE

To, **Shri. G. Devaraje Gowda,** S/o Late Shri. Gunde Gowda, Aged about 44 years, Residing at No. 405, 4th Floor, North Block, 'Eshwari Enclave, Kanaka Nagara, R.T. Nagar Post, Bangalore - 560 032

Whereas the above named Plaintiff has instituted the above suit against you for Cancellation of the Agreement of Sale, dated 30/01/2019and Cancellation of the General Power of Attorney, dated 06/02/2019 and for Permanent Injunction in favour of the Plaintiff against the Defendant restraining the Defendant, his men, agents or anybody claiming under him from creating any sort of charge, conveyance and or encumbrance or alienating the Suit Schedule property and other consequential relief.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court on 15/07/22 at 11.00 AM in person or by a pleader/advocate to answer the questions to the same, failing which the suit will be heard and determined ex-parte.

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By Order of the Court
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HC stays NLSIU decision to terminate contract staff

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday stayed the decision of the National Law School of India University (NLSIU) to terminate the service of several of its staff members, who are working on a contract basis in the canteen, mess, and housekeeping sections from 15 to 29 years, by way of voluntary separation scheme (VSS).

Justice Jyoti Mulimani passed the interim order on the petitions filed by S. Radha Krishna and 19 others.

The petitioners have questioned the legality of the communications issued to them on June 6-7, 2022, informing that their services would not be renewed further and they could apply for the permanent posts at the university as and when they were advertised.

Though the communication also states that in the event the petitioners are not recruited to any permanent post, a fair and equitable separation package (VSS) has been worked out, the petitioners pointed out that the university had reserved liberty even to reject their VSS applications. Pointing out that they were working on a par with the regular employees as the university had provided them with all the benefits extended to permanent employees, the petitioners contended that their services have to be considered for regularisation as they have been working continuously from more than 15 years.

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Short term e-tender notification No. PWD/CKD DIV/AE-3/TENDER/2022-23/1431 Dated 17/06/2022 was called & Now the First time extension is made, is as below.

Calendar of events for the works Sl No. 1 & 4 to 9:

1)Pre-bid meeting date: 27-06-2022 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 29-06-2022 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 01-07-2022 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 04-07-2022 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System):"after approval of Technical bids"

Calendar of events for the works Sl No. 2 & 3:

1)Pre-bid meeting date: 30-06-2022 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed.2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 02-07-2022 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 04-07-2022 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 06-07-2022 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids"

All other conditions of the tender remain unchanged.

Sd/-Executive Engineer
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E-Tender Notification

The Commissioner for Collegiate and Technical Education, Bangalore hereby invites bids in Two-Cover system through e-Procurement portal from eligible bidders for the following tenders. The Tender Documents with detailed terms and conditions may be obtained from the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Tender Schedules are as below

Sl. No.	Tender Name & Number	Date of Floating Tender on e- Procurement Portal	Date and Time of pre-bid meeting	Last date and Time for bidding through eprocurement portal
1.	**Tender No: DCE/2022-23/IND1113** "Supply of Competitive Exam Books for Government First Grade Colleges, Polytechnics and Government Engineering Colleges of the Department of Collegiate and Technical Education"	24.06.2022	28.06.2022 11.00 AM	25.07.2022 05.00 PM
2.	**Tender No: DCE/2022-23/IND1112** "Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Sports and Fitness Equipments to RUSA Colleges under the Purview of Department of Collegiate and Technical Education"	24.06.2022	28.06.2022 11.30 AM	25.07.2022 05.00 PM

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Additional Director of Collegiate Education Bangalore, Karnataka

IN BRIEF

Jagan to support NDA's presidential candidate

VIJAYAWADA

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has extended support to NDA presidential candidate Droupadi Murmu, who will be the first tribal woman to hold the position if she wins. In an official statement, Mr. Jagan said Ms. Murmu's candidature falls in line with the emphasis his party has always given to the representation of minority communities.

Veteran theatre actor V.P. Khalid no more

KOCHI

Veteran theatre and film actor V.P. Khalid, 71, died in Kottayam on Friday. A resident of Chullikkal in Fort Kochi, he was found unconscious in the washroom of a film shooting location and was declared brought dead at a hospital. The body was taken to the Government Medical College Hospital in Kottayam for post-mortem examination, according to the hospital authorities. He was acting in a movie directed by Jude Anthany Joseph and starring actor Tovino Thomas.

Kerala Assembly to meet from June 27

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The fifth session of the 15th Kerala Assembly will commence on June 27. The 23-day session will be dedicated to passing the complete State Budget for the 2022-23 fiscal. Speaker M.B. Rajesh on Friday said 13 days have been allocated for discussion and voting on demands for grants in the Budget for the financial year. Various Bills including the Kerala Finance Bill, 2022 will be taken up for discussion on four days.

TH EducationPlus Career Counselling from today

20th edition of event to be held at 10 locations in Karnataka

The schedule

Place	Date	Venue	Address
Bengaluru North	June 25	Chowdiah Memorial Hall	16th Cross Rd, Malleswaram, Bengaluru
Mangaluru	June 25	Geetha S.M. Shetty Hall	Ramakrishna College, Bunts' Hostel Circle, Mangaluru
Tumakuru	June 26	Birla Auditorium	Siddaganga Institute of Technology, Tumakuru
Bidar	June 26	Gyansudha Vidyalaya	Gyansudha Vidyalaya, Mamankeri campus, Bidar
Bengaluru South	July 2	Mangala Mantapa Auditorium	NMKRV college for women campus 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru
Hubballi	July 2	K.L.E. Society's Biotechnology Auditorium	B.V.B College of Engineering & Technology Campus, Vidyanagar, Hubballi
Ballari	July 3	BPSC Pre-University College	BPSC Pre-University College, Anantapur Road, Ballari
Mysuru	July 3	Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering	P.B. No.206, Gokulam 3rd Stage, Mysuru
Davangere	July 3	Bapuji Business School	Bapuji MBA College , Lake View Campus, S.S. Layout, Davangere

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The 20th edition of The Hindu EducationPlus Career Counselling 2022 Karnataka will be held at 10 locations in nine cities in June and July.

The event will cover educational topics like CET, COMEDK, NEET, general education (offbeat courses), Law, Pure Science, Arts, Science & Commerce, Management, PGDM, Engineering & Medicine. The event sets a benchmark in educational and professional guidance. It acts as a platform to connect students and parents with speakers and educational institutions. The event also helps students to take the right decisions after getting the necessary counselling and guidance.

Platinum Sponsor for the event are: Presidency University, Bengaluru, Ramaiah University, Bengaluru, and Reva University, Bengaluru. The Gold Sponsors are Cambridge Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, Nitte Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, and Siddaganga Institute of Technology, Tumakuru. Silver Sponsors for the event are ACS College of Engineering, Bengaluru; K. S. Group of Institutions, Bengaluru; Rajarajeswari College of Engineering, Bengaluru; Soundarya Institute of Management and Science, Bengaluru; Universal Group of Institutions, Bengaluru, Atria Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, and TAPMI, a unit of Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Bengaluru. Other associate Sponsors are: CMR University, Bengaluru, Karnataka State Open Univeristy, Mysuru; Shaheen Group of Institutions, Bidar, and Sri Sairam College of Engineering, Bengaluru. Timings for registration is between 8.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m.

The event will be held between 9.30 a.m. and 1 p.m. For details, contact: 9739273958 / 9448160126 / 9448871815. Entry is free. First 300 walk-ins will get a surprise gift. All participating students will get free English proficiency test, STEP.

THE HINDU EDUCATION PLUS CAREER COUNSELLING 2022 KARNATAKA

To pre-register for the event and STEP test, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/3N2Sy2F

SFI activists vandalise Rahul's office at Kalpetta

8 held; CPI(M) orders internal probe

STAFF REPORTER
KALPETTA

A 50-member group of Students Federation of India (SFI) activists vandalised Congress leader and MP Rahul Gandhi's, regional office at Kalpetta in the Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency on Friday, setting off a political row and precipitating a tense stand-off between the Congress and the Communist Party of India (Marxist) [CPI(M)] in the State.

The SFI, the student wing of the CPI(M), had taken out a march in Kalpetta town in the afternoon to protest against Mr. Gandhi's alleged apathy towards the plight of Wayanad residents threatened by the Supreme Court's directive to impose a buffer zone within one km radius of ecologically sensitive national parks and bird and wildlife sanctuaries.

The march turned violent in front of Mr. Gandhi's town office. Soon, the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee released a video that ostensibly showed "SFI activists" clambering to the second floor of the office, attacking the MP's staff and vandalising property. The Wayanad police have so far arrested eight "attackers".

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury have tweeted condemning the attacks. The CPI (M) has ordered an internal inquiry into the incident and promised decisive action against the wrongdoers.

Meanwhile, the government has suspended Deputy Superintendent of Police, Kalpetta, for not preventing the attack. It has ordered the Additional Director-General of Police, State Police Headquarters, to investigate the incident. The ranking officer has a week to submit his findings to the Home Department. The attack prompted Congress and Youth Congress protests across the State. Congress workers marched to the AKG Centre.

They fought with the police in Wayanad, resulting in injuries to both sides.

Violent march: SFI activists barging into Rahul Gandhi's office at Kalpetta in Wayanad on Friday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Congress leader writes to PM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to request him to address the concerns of those who are affected by the Supreme Court order on maintenance of Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZ) around wildlife sanctuaries and national parks.

"The State and the Union government can help by requesting dilution of a minimum width of an ESZ to the Central Empowered Committee and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. The Supreme Court judgment considers recommend- ations made by them," he said urging Mr. Modi to intervene.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY

TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over south Gujarat, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Tripura, Bihar, Odisha, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, coastal Karnataka and Kerala. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Madhya Pradesh, east Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh and Lakshadweep

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	2	33.2	25.7	Kozhikode	29	31.4	24.5
Ahmedabad	–	40.2	27.5	Kurnool	–	35.0	25.7
Aizawl	1	26.5	20.9	Lucknow	–	40.0	28.7
Allahabad	–	38.5	26.8	Madurai	1	37.9	24.9
Bengaluru	–	28.8	20.7	Mangaluru	36.3	29.1	23.5
Bhopal	1.8	37.5	23.6	Mumbai	4	33.3	25.2
Bhubaneswar	–	31.2	25.4	Mysuru	–	30.0	21.2
Chandigarh	–	38.1	25.2	New Delhi	–	39.3	23.2
Chennai	–	37.2	27.8	Patna	–	36.6	27.3
Coimbatore	–	33.2	23.2	Port Blair	43	30.4	23.7
Dehradun	–	36.8	22.4	Puducherry	–	36.6	26.1
Gangtok	0.1	21.4	18.1	Pune	–	30.9	22.6
Goa	89	27.6	24.2	Raipur	2	35.4	25.2
Guwahati	–	35.4	26.9	Ranchi	1	28.8	24.1
Hubballi	–	27.0	22.0	Shillong	1	26.4	17.3
Hyderabad	–	32.2	24.6	Shimla	–	29.5	19.4
Imphal	–	30.2	22.9	Srinagar	–	27.3	13.7
Jaipur	–	39.1	27.2	Thiruvananthapuram	35	32.0	23.5
Kochi	24.2	30.4	24.4	Tiruchi	–	36.5	26.0
Kohima	1	23.8	16.6	Vijayawada	15	34.7	25.0
Kolkata	–	33.9	27.1	Visakhapatnam	0.6	30.6	27.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	46	85	55	100	141	Moderate
Bengaluru	9	21	23	75	80	Good
Chennai	–	42	32	62	55	Good
Delhi	23	101	69	170	257	Poor
Hyderabad	23	28	78	27	64	Good
Kolkata	12	13	20	45	64	Good
Lucknow	12	63	57	115	137	Moderate
Mumbai	62	29	52	19	29	Good
Pune	131	43	111	69	55	Moderate
Visakhapatnam	12	56	36	74	105	Moderate

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bhiwadi, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 314 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 17

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Key accused in Secunderabad railway station violence arrested

STAFF REPORTER
HYDERABAD

One of the alleged key conspirators in the June 17 Secunderabad railway station violence, Avula Subba Rao of Andhra Pradesh, was arrested by the Telangana police on Friday. Earlier, he was picked up by the A.P. police following the violence last week against the backdrop of the Centre's Agnipath scheme, and several angles in relation to his complicity were questioned.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, BBMP, Kengeri Division, 1st Floor Opp to Dharmastala Ayurvedha Hospital, Jagajyoti Layout, Bangalore-560 056.

NO.EE/KEN/TEND/07/2022-23 Date:24.06.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover Tender)

The Executive Engineer, Kengeri Division invites request for Proposal from interested persons / firms for the following works.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Project cost of work (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1.	Consultancy Services for Construction Supervision and Project Management and quality control for the Work of Comprehensive Development of Roads and Drains surrounding villages at Seegehalli and Kannahalli SWM Plant in Yeshwanthpura Constituency (3 Works)	5000.00	1,00,000/-

(1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-procurement portal from **dtd: 30.06.2022 onwards.** (2) Last date for submission of tenders: **15.07.2022 upto 4.00 p.m.** (3) Opening of Technical Bid: **16.07.2022 at 4:30 pm.** Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Kengeri Division.

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Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಹಾವೇರಿ

ನಂ.033/ಟಿಐ/ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ/5054-4059/2021-22/1641 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 23-06-2022

ಮುಂದೂಡಿದ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ನಂ. 02

ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ನಂ.033/ಟಿಐ/ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ/5054-4059/2021-22/6946/ದಿನಾಂಕ:24-03-2022 ಮತ್ತು ಮುಂದೂಡಿದ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ನಂ.1ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:266/ದಿನಾಂಕ : 20-04-2022 ರಲ್ಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಕ್ರಸಂ.2 (ನಂ.151786), 6 (ನಂ.151246), 7 (ನಂ.151338), 8 (ನಂ.151804), 11 (ನಂ.151815), 12 (ನಂ.151740), 13 (ನಂ.151812), 14 (ನಂ.151810), 15 (ನಂ.151721), 18 (ನಂ.151729) ಮತ್ತು 19 (ನಂ.151730)ಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ, ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ಮರು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

(1) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಹಾಗೂ ವೇಳೆ: **02-07-2022** ರ ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 04-00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ (2) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಹಾಗೂ ವೇಳೆ : **04-07-2022**ರ ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 04-30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ (3) ಹಣಕಾಸು ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಹಾಗೂ ವೇಳೆ : **06-07-2022** ರ ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 04-30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ

ಮುಂದೂಡಿದ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ನಂ. 02

ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ನಂ.033/ಟಿಐ/ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ/3054/2021-22/7288/ದಿನಾಂಕ : 31-03-2022 ಮತ್ತು ಮುಂದೂಡಿದ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ನಂ.1ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:90/ದಿನಾಂಕ : 08-04-2022 ರಲ್ಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. 151370 ಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ, ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ಮರು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

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ಇನ್ನುಳಿದಂತೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು,
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ವಾಇಸಂ/ಹಾವೇರಿ/ಎಂಸಿಎ/99/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the public at large that we are investigating the right, title and interest of **M/s. Bhagyalakshmi Homes LLP,** having office at **Golden House No. 820, 80 Feet Road, 8th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore – 560 095** in respect of the property being plots of land in Project **"Golden Ira"** more particularly described in Schedule hereunder developed / being developed over the land in various Sy.No situated at Siddenayakanahalli, Muthur and Raghunathapura Villages, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.

Any person including an individual, a Hindu Undivided Family, a Company, Banks, Financial Institution(s), Non-Banking Financial Institution(s), a firm, an association of persons or a body of individuals whether incorporated or not, lenders and/or creditors having any objection, claim, right, title, share and/or interest in respect of the Said Property or the Larger Land or any part thereof, by way of sale, memorandum of understanding, exchange, mortgage, pledge, charge, gift, trust, inheritance, succession, possession, lease, tenancy, maintenance easement, license, bequeath, share, assignment, lien, attachment, development rights, right of way, lis-pendens, reservation, agreement, FSI consumption, development rights, or any liability or commitment or otherwise howsoever are hereby requested to make the same known in writing along with supporting documentary evidence in respect thereof, to the undersigned having their office as mentioned herein below, within a period of **14 (fourteen)** days from the date of publication hereof failing which, the claim, if any of such person/s will be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned for all intents and purposes and not binding on our client.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of converted lands bearing plot nos: 1,3,4,10,13,16,17,18,19,20,21, 24, 25,37,38,39,46,47, 48,49,50,51,52,53,54,55,56,57,68,69,70,71,72,73,74,75,76,77,78,79, 80,81,82,83,84,85,86,87,88,89,90,91,92,93,94,95,96,97,98,99,100, 101,102,103,104,105,106,107,108,109,110,111,112,113,114,115,116, 118,119,120,121,122,123,124,125,126,127,128,129,130,131,132,133, 134,135,136,137,139,140,141,142,143,144,145,146,147,148,149,150, 151,152,153,154,158,159,160,161,162,164,171,177,180,190,191,192, 193,196,197,198,199,203,204,208,216,219,220,231,232,233,234,235, 236,237,238,239,240,241,242,243,246,247,251,252,253,254,255,257, 260,261,265,266,272,273,274,275,276,277,278,279,280,281,282,283, 284,285,286,287,288,289,292,293,294,295,296,297,298,299,300,301, 302,303,304,305,306,307,308,309,310,311,312,313,314,315,317,318, 319,320,321,322,323,324,325,326,327,328,329,330,331,332,333,334, 335,336,337,338,339,340,341,342,343,344,345,346,347,348,349,350, 351,352,353,354,355,356,357,358,359,360,363,366,367,372,373,374, 375,376,377,378,379,380,381,382,383,384,385,386,387,388,389,390, 391,392,393,394,395,396,397,398,399,400,401,402,403,404,405,407, 409,410,411,412,413,414,415,417,418,419,420,421,422,423,424,425, 426,429,430,431,432,433,434,435,436,437,438,440,441,442,443,444, 445,446,447,448,449,450,451,453,454,455,456,457,458,459,461,462, 464,468,469,470,471,472,473,474,475,476,477,478,479,480,481,482, 483,485,486,487,488,489,490,491,493,494,495,496,497,498,499,500, 501,502,503,505,506,507,508,509,510,511,512 totally 376 Plots of land altogether admeasuring **74,287.50 Sq.mtrs (7,99,630.65 sq.ft),** developed/being developed in terms of the Sanction Plan dated **27.04.2015 bearing No. BIAAPA/TP1/LAO/12/2014-15** issued by Bangalore International Airport Area Planning Authority over land bearing (i) Survey Nos. 45/2, 45/3, 45/4, 45/5, 45/7, 46, 47, 72, 73, situated at Siddenayakanahalli, Village, (ii) Survey Nos. 69/1, 69/2, 75, 76, 77, 78, situated at Muthur Village and (iii) Survey Nos. 126, 137, 138/1, 138/2, situated at Raghunathapura Village all under Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bangalore Rural District totally admeasuring **48 Acres 22 Guntas** (excluding 1 Acre of B kharab).

Advocate for the Client:
Subrata Mukherjee
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Place: Bangalore
Date: 25-06-2022

Government of Karnataka

Public Works Department, Udupi Division, Udupi. (PIU)

Website : https://www.kpwd.gov.in Email:eepwdudp02@gmail.com

No EE/PWD/UDN/NIT/11/2022-23/AE-2 Dated: 23.06.2022

Short term Tender Notice

The Tender for the following works are invited through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (Viz.www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)

Name of Work: Improvements of road and construction of retaining wall at selected reaches of Arooru-Mundkinjeddu-Kokkarne-Nanchuru road Brahmavara Taluk Udupi District (Retaining wall Working chainage 6.20 Km to 9.65 Km and Road working Chainage 13.515 Km to 14.00 Km **(I.NO.152465),** Amount put to tender: **Rs. 3,85,89,605.17,** EMD: **Rs. 5,78,900/-,** Last date for Submission of tender in Procurement: **08.07.2022,** Eligible Tenderer: CLASS –II and above K-PWD

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Public Works Dept, Udupi Division, Udupi

DIPR/ADI/MCA/203/22-23 dt. 24.6.22

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client is proposing to transact with **Embassy Construction Private Limited**, a company having its office at 1st Floor, Embassy Point #150 Infantry Road, Bengaluru, - 560 001 Karnataka (hereinafter referred to as **ECPL**) inter-alia to extend secured finance to ECPL for the construction and development of a proposed commercial office building (**Proposed Building**) and forming part of a proposed larger integrated development known as '**Embassy Business Hub**' located in Venkatala, Yelahanka, Bengaluru (**Project**). The Proposed Building is being constructed over a portion of the land bearing amalgamated Municipal No. 1368/25/2/25/3, Ward No. 1, Venkatala, Yelahanka, which portion is admeasuring 4 (four) acres 7 (seven) guntas (comprising of Survey Nos. 25/2 and 25/3 (Portion) of Venkatala village, Yelahanka hobli, Bengaluru North taluk, viz excluding 6 (six) guntas acquired for widening of National Highways Authority of India (**NHAI**)) (**Land**).

By virtue of a registered Joint Development Agreement dated 31 May 2019 (**JDA**) entered with the owner of the Land, K Surekha (**Landowner**), ECPL is entitled to (a) develop the Land along with adjoining lands as an integrated development; and (b) 60 % share in the development utilising the Land. In furtherance thereof, ECPL is now entitled to a proposed constructed area of 4,00,657 square feet saleable area on the ground to seventh floors and thirteenth floor of the Proposed Building and 486 car parks (utilising the benefit of the larger layout sanctioned for development in Municipal No. 1368/25/2/25/3 including some development potential considering adjoining land in Venkatala village, Yelahanka hobli, Bengaluru North taluk also being developed by ECPL, to which the Land is amalgamated and which forms part of the Project) along with the proportionate undivided share in the common areas and Land (as "**Developer's Allocation**" or "**Schedule Property**") with right to create security over the Schedule Property and/or rental receivables and/or revenue receivables, to raise construction and development finance for the Proposed Building and to own, use, sell, transfer, lease or otherwise dispose the Schedule Property.

If any person/s, entity, firm, institution (corporate or otherwise) having any claim/s any right, title, interest, pending litigation or demand of any nature in or upon the Schedule Property or any part thereof or have any objections in relation to the proposed purchase as above mentioned, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned in writing together with all details of the right, title, interest, claim, pending litigation or demand made together with supporting documents within **Fifteen (15)** days from the date of this notice, failing which it shall be presumed that the title of Landowner in relation to the Land and rights of ECPL in relation to the Schedule Property is clear, marketable and free from encumbrance/s of any kind whatsoever and no other person has any right, title or interest of any nature whatsoever in the Schedule Property or any part thereof. Further, claims or alleged interest, if any, which are not received within **Fifteen (15)** days from the date of publication of this notice shall be considered to have been consciously waived or abandoned for all intents and purposes.

Philips India Limited, being proposed lessee with respect to portion of the Proposed Building as well as Indusind Bank Limited being lender to ECPL and IDBI Trusteeship Services Limited being the security trustee acting on behalf of Indusind Bank Limited and having security interest over portion of the Schedule Property, need not respond to this notice.

SCHEDULE

ECPL's allocation pursuant to the JDA being a proposed saleable area of 4,00,657 square feet on the ground to seventh floors and thirteenth floor together with 486 car parks in proposed commercial office building (intended to be partly leased to Philips India Limited) and forming part of the proposed larger integrated development known as '**Embassy Business Hub**' and being constructed on a portion of the land bearing amalgamated Municipal No. 1368/25/2/25/3, Ward No. 1, Venkatala, Yelahanka, which is measuring 4 (four) acres 7 (seven) guntas (viz excluding 6 (six) guntas acquired by NHAI) together with proportionate undivided share in the common areas and such land, comprising of the following contiguous land parcels situated in Venkatala village, Yelahanka hobli, Bangalore North taluk:

Sy. No.	Concerned Extent (viz., exclusive of kharab and area acquired by NHAI)		East	West	North	South
	Acre	Gunta				
25/2	2	5	Road and Survey No.24	Survey Nos.26 and 42/6	Gramatana and Survey No.25/4	Survey No.25/1
25/3 (Portion)	2	2				

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RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION - WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

The Medical Superintendent, ESIC Hospital Ezhukone invites application for the post of medical officers on contract basis for Senior Residents & Full Time / Part Time Specialists in different specialties. Date of Walk-in-interview - **11.07.2022 - 10:00 AM at ESIC Hospital Ezhukone.** For details, please refer our website **www.esic.nic.in/recruitments**

Sd/- **Medical Superintendent**

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ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement only)

Tender Notification No: KNNL/GRBCC -4/Tender/2022-23/03
Date: 22-06-2022

PERCENTAGE RATE basis tenders are invited by the undersigned on behalf of Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore for the work mentioned below. The blank tender document can be downloaded from e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka. (https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) from 17-7-2021.

Indent No:Single Cover System:33347, Two Cover System: 33348, Approximate amount put to tender:42.29 lakhs to 67.67 Lakhs. EMD Amount :42500/- to 68000/- ,Last date & Time for tender quarries/Clarifications:28-06-2022, Up to 17.00 hrs. The last date & Time for receipt of tenders:30-06-2022 at 16.00 hrs.Date of Opening of tenders (Single Cover System):01-07-2022 at 11-00 hrs.Date of Opening of tenders (Two Cover System):Technical bid: 01-07-2022, 11.00 hrs. onwards, Financial bid: Will be intimated later to the technically qualified bidders.

Further information can be had from under signed from the following Nos 08338-272485 & from e-portal (https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) during office hours.

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Brick by brick

BRICS countries have shown they can cooperate where their interests align

The 14th BRICS Summit, which concluded on June 24, revealed much about the grouping of five emerging nations. That this bloc of five disparate countries has not only made it to its 14th summit, but has been able to demonstrate some concrete, albeit modest, outcomes of cooperation, such as the emergence of the New Development Bank (NDB), suggests there remains a strong convergence of interests amid undeniable differences. Indeed, ever since the first summit in Yekaterinburg in 2009, BRICS has had more than its fair share of naysayers, particularly in the West, and has been derided as a talk shop. In his address to the summit on June 23, which was hosted by China this year and held virtually, Prime Minister Narendra Modi described the binding glue as "a similar approach to global governance". That approach, according to the lengthy joint Beijing Declaration that followed, was premised on "making instruments of global governance more inclusive, representative and participatory".

That is certainly a laudable goal. However, the NDB, which has since its launch in 2015 funded around $30 billion worth of projects in emerging nations, still remains for the grouping an isolated example of their common interests translating into tangible outcomes. That points to another summit take-away: despite a tall agenda, the bloc remains constrained by differences. For instance, on two key issues for the grouping – UN reforms and terrorism – members India and China have found themselves on opposing sides of the debate. India and Brazil have made common cause on pushing for an expanded UN Security Council, yet China has suggested it is not in favour of a permanent seat for India. On terrorism, the recent blocking by China of an attempt by India to sanction the LeT terrorist, Abdul Rehman Makki, at the UNSC sanctions committee, served as a reminder of contrasting approaches. Indeed, those two different approaches found mention in the Beijing Declaration, which acknowledged both India's concerns on a lack of transparency at the sanctions committee and Chinese claims, seemingly driven by the desire to shield Pakistan, that these cases amounted to "politicisation". On Ukraine, the bloc affirmed a commitment to respect sovereignty, despite Russia's actions, and stopped short of condemning NATO, as Russia and China have done, reflecting different views within BRICS. These differences certainly cast doubt on the bloc's loftier goals of reorienting the global order. They do not, however, suggest that the BRICS countries cannot cooperate on issues where interests align, whether in financing projects, as the NDB has done, working on climate change, as India and China have continued to do despite the LAC crisis, or even on space cooperation, where the five countries have agreed to create a joint constellation of remote sensing satellites.

Two is one too many

HC relief may not prevent marginalisation of O. Panneerselvam in the AIADMK

A pre-dawn court order may have granted temporary relief to AIADMK coordinator O. Panneerselvam from being stripped of his part in the party's joint leadership, but it is doubtful if his isolation can be prevented for long. It may only be a matter of time before the 50-year-old party comes under the full control of co-ordinator and Mr. Panneerselvam's partner-turned-rival Edappadi K. Palaniswami. What has divided them now is possibly that Mr. Palaniswami seems to have greater support among legislators and district secretaries, and his camp has begun to feel that Mr. Panneerselvam is enjoying disproportionate clout in the party's affairs. At a General Council (GC) meeting on Thursday, it was expected that the party's by-laws would be changed to abolish the current 'dual leadership' (coordinators), and restore the post of general secretary as the sole seat of power. An attempt to obtain a restraining order against the meeting failed before a single judge, but the Panneerselvam camp managed to get the Chief Justice's permission to move a midnight appeal before a Bench. Passing orders at around 4.30 a.m., the Bench restrained the GC from making any decision other than upon the 23 items on the agenda that had the approval of both coordinators. That they had agreed on a set of resolutions was used to make a *prima facie* case for an interim order against any other decision being made, scuttling plans for an impromptu discussion or decision on the leadership question.

A question arises over the need for the eleventh-hour judicial intervention. Any likely prejudice could always have been subsequently remedied if it truly went against the party majority view. It is doubtful whether a leader can seek a restraint on a majority-backed decision by which he would be possibly aggrieved. Even though a dual leadership system is in place, it is difficult to contend that nothing that lacks the approval of both leaders can be decided by the party's apex decision-making body. After all, it was this body that abolished the general secretary's post in 2017 and created the posts of two coordinators. It had also changed the 'unamendable' rule that the general secretary should be elected by all the primary members. In 2021, the party's executive committee again amended the by-laws to the effect that the primary members would now elect the two coordinators jointly by a single vote. Mr. Panneerselvam and Mr. Palaniswami were jointly elected in a subsequent election. One of the resolutions ultimately not taken up at the GC meeting was to ratify this decision. The effect of non-ratification on the party's affairs remains to be seen, but it is clear that Mr. Panneerselvam's options are limited to either playing a subordinate role or striking it out on his own.

Yes, the Left is back in Latin America

In many ways, the new 'pink tide' points to a different Left, as Gustavo Petro's election in Colombia shows

JORGE HEINE

It is difficult to overestimate the significance of Gustavo Petro's election as the President of Colombia. For the first time in the two centuries of the independent history of the region's third largest country (in terms of population) , the Left has reached the Casa de Nariño, the presidential palace in Bogotá. It has done so with the highest number of votes of any President (more than 11 million), and after an election with the highest electoral participation rate (58%). This is also with the overwhelming support of the country's youth. It has also brought to the vice-presidency, for the first time, an Afro-Colombian woman, Francia Márquez, an environmental activist from Cauca, one of Colombia's poorest and most marginalised areas.

A similarity

Colombia's unique history, which inspired the magical realism genre in Nobel Prize-winning novelist Gabriel García Márquez, makes it stand out on Latin America's vast and colourful canvas. The same goes for Mr. Petro's condition as a former urban guerrilla, a member of M-19, a group that wrought much havoc in a country marked by the dubious distinction of having had the longest armed conflict in the world – that between another guerrilla group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), and the Colombian government, from the 1960s to 2016. In another sense, though, the story of Mr. Petro's election and the challenges he faces once he takes office on August 7, are not too different from that of several other countries in the rest of the region.

Fallout of the pandemic

Mr. Petro's victory comes in the wake of those of Gabriel Boric in Chile, Xiomara Castro in the Honduras, Luis Arce in Bolivia, Pedro Castillo in Peru and the earlier victories by Andrés Manuel López Obrador in Mexico and Alberto Fernández in Argentina, all broadly on the Left of the political spectrum. Polls indicate there is a good chance former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva will win Brazil's presidential elections in October, which would turn this shift into a wave. Most of these leaders have come to power propelled by the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the region, by far the worst affected by the virus, with 30% of the world's deaths from it, and 8% of the world's population. The epic mismanagement of the pandemic by often denialist incumbent right-wing governments, of which Brazil's Jair Bolsonaro (the country had close to 7,00,000 deaths), is Exhibit A, had much to do with it.

This has also led to what the UN's Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) has referred to as the region's worst crisis in 120 years, as the economy contracted by 7% in 2020, twice the rate of the global GDP. A country like Chile, the most developed in the region, and for long the best performing economy, is projected to grow 1.4% in 2022 and 0.1% in 2023, which reveals much about the depth of this crisis in a region that swings, seamlessly, from one "lost decade" to another.

Does this herald a new "pink tide" in Latin America, similar to the one that came to the fore in the first decade of the new century (only to peter out in the second)? Riding on the commodities boom super-cycle (2003-2013), that period brought prosperity, poverty reduction and some progress towards greater income inequality in the world's most unequal region. Leaders such as Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva in Brazil, Evo Morales in Bolivia, Ricardo Lagos and Michelle Bachelet in Chile, and Tabaré Vázquez and José ("Pepe") Mujica in Uruguay showed that it was possible to be on the Left and establish progressive social programmes, while also being fiscally responsible and keeping the house in order. It also led to a flourishing of regional cooperation, with the creation of entities such as the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR), the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) and the Pacific Alliance. In 2012, the troika of CELAC Foreign Ministers (those of Chile, Cuba and Venezuela did something unthinkable today) – held dialogues with China and with India in Beijing and in New Delhi, respectively.

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Bogota's agenda

Are we likely to see something similar in years to come? In other words, are we at the beginning of another "political cycle", marked by the ascendancy of the Left? Yes, the Left is back. The question is, what kind of Left, and how long will it last?

In many ways, this is a different Left. Mr. Petro, 62, an economist, and a former mayor of Bogotá, is especially attuned to the environmental challenge. His agenda includes weaning Colombia away from its dependence on fossil fuels such as oil and coal (40% of the country's export revenues come from oil), stopping fracking (a technique used in natural gas and petroleum production), and moving towards an energy transition. Mr. Boric, the Chilean leader, favours gender issues and gender equality (his Cabinet has a larger number of women than men), as well as the rights of indigenous peoples, and has stressed the need to move towards the equivalent of a European welfare state, in another country with some of the highest indices of income inequality in the region, where 10% of the population earns 60% of the country's income (Chile, like Colombia, has a very unequal income distribution). The issues in Honduras, which former President Juan Orlando Hernández (now under arrest in the United States) built into the Americas' first narco-state, are of a different sort. Its new President, Xiomara Castro, has her hands full in trying to dismantle the corrupt state apparatus she inherited, to deal with drug trafficking, and to control the endemic violence that earned San Pedro Sula, one of the cities in the Honduras, the title of "murder capital of the world".

In addition to a more favourable international environment, an advantage enjoyed by the previous "pink tide", was continuity. The Workers Party ruled Brazil for 13 years. The Concertación did so in Chile for 20 years in a row, and then had another go with Michelle Bachelet´s second term (2014-2018) for another four. The Kirchners in Argentina ruled for 12 years. Evo Morales in Bolivia was in power for 13 years, Rafael Correa in Ecuador for 10, and the Frente Amplio in Uruguay did so from 2005-2020. It is a different political environment now; anti-incumbency feelings reign, and the "throw the rascals out" sentiment after merely one term is on the ascendancy.

Ambitious reform programmes without (in most cases) parliamentary majorities, under severe fiscal constraints and a turbulent international environment do not, as a rule, make for a promising combination for incoming governments. A silver lining may be rising commodity prices (which have lifted Colombia's GDP growth forecast for 2022 to 6.1%), but in several cases they tend to set each other off.

Mr. Petro has referred to his interest in working together with Lula's Brazil and Boric's Chile, highlighting a key area where these incoming governments may make quick progress. A first cut at creating a political coordination entity in South America, one that will have learned the lessons from the ultimate failure of UNASUR, should be a priority.

On Active Non-Alignment

As a Second Cold War raises its ugly head, the notion of Active Non-Alignment, which takes a page from India's concept set forth by Jawaharlal Nehru in the 1950s, but adapts it to the realities of the 21st century, has triggered widespread interest in academic and policy-making circles. It may provide a useful guide to channel the foreign policies of Latin American nations, at a time of a changing international system, and as the region's need to re-establish its presence in world affairs is especially urgent.

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The advent of 'app-solute' chaos in NREGA

The new National Mobile Monitoring Software application has problems that are clearly eroding the right to work

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In May 2021, the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) launched the National Mobile Monitoring Software (NMMS) app, a new application meant for "improving citizen oversight and increasing transparency" in National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) works. It is to be deployed by NREGA Mates, local women at the panchayat level who are selected and trained to monitor NREGA worksites. The main feature of the app is the real-time, photographed, geo-tagged attendance of every worker to be taken once in each half of the day. We spoke to Mates, NREGA workers, and activists across multiple States to understand their experience of the app.

Conditions affecting workers

While such an app may be useful in monitoring the attendance of workers who have fixed work timings, in most States, NREGA wages are calculated based on the amount of work done each day, and workers do not need to commit to fixed hours. This flexibility has been key to NREGA's widespread demand. However, marking attendance on the app mandates that workers are at the worksite the entire day. This causes significant difficulty for NREGA workers.

Priya Devi from Rajasthan finishes her NREGA work by 9 a.m., and then sets up a stall in the local haat to sell the produce she grows in her kitchen garden. Since the introduction of the NMMS app, she either needs to be present at the worksite all day or travel twice to mark her attendance. Ms. Devi expressed concern about losing customers at her stall in her absence. Another worker from Andhra Pradesh said her daughter was now missing school frequently because she had to take over some of her mother's chores.

NREGA has historically had a higher proportion of women workers (54.7% in FY 2021-22) and has been pivotal in changing working conditions for women in rural areas. Due to the traditional burden of household chores and care work on women, the app is likely to disproportionately affect women workers. The conditions for registering NREGA attendance on the app put them in a dilemma where they may end up foregoing NREGA work. Such a sentiment was echoed (to us) by many women workers across the country. Priya Devi, for instance, is afraid she will have to choose between the two – committing to NREGA work that occupies her full day, or staying at the market.

Other challenges

There are challenges of implementation with the NMMS as well. A stable network is a must for real-time monitoring; unfortunately, it remains patchy in much of rural India. This could lead to workers not being able to mark their attendance, and consequently lose a day of wages. Workers in Kerala and Jharkhand are already facing problems in uploading their attendance on the app due to network problems. Further, a recent NewsClick report has also highlighted the problems faced by differently-abled NREGA workers from Tamil Nadu in marking their attendance on the app.

The app has adversely impacted NREGA Mates as well. The role of a Mate was conceptualised as an opportunity to empower local women to manage attendance and work measurement in their panchayat. But now, to be a Mate, one needs to have a smartphone. This new condition disqualifies thousands of women who do not own smartphones from becoming Mates. Already women from Jharkhand and Andhra Pradesh have reported being passed over for selection as Mates for this very reason. Now, smartphone-owning men are likely to be given preference as Mates. Alternatively, women could become proxy Mates – officially registered, but deferring to men who work and get paid. Many selected Mates also reported that they had not been given proper training in using the app. This could lead to errors in recording workers' attendance, that ultimately results in delayed or non-payments.

K.K. MUSTAFAH

Errors in pilot process

The app had been launched on a pilot basis last year, with States using it voluntarily. Officials and activists confirmed these implementation errors had been evident throughout the pilot process. However, there is no information available publicly about the errors found and measures taken to address them. Our Right To Information applications have also not yielded any satisfactory responses. Despite the persistent errors, on May 13, 2022, the MoRD released a circular announcing that NMMS would now be mandatory for all NREGA worksites employing more than 20 workers, with no option for manual attendance other than in exceptional circumstances. Within a week of the mandate, many States submitted complaints and reports of the same errors that were seen during the pilot stage. The MoRD is yet to offer any solutions, reassurances, or even a response.

No physical records

Beyond the problems in implementation, the intended purpose of such an application, and its effectiveness remain unclear. The app claims to "increase citizen oversight" by "bringing more transparency and ensuring proper monitoring of the schemes, besides potentially enabling processing payments faster". However, it appears to be doing exactly the opposite. With no physical attendance records signed by workers anymore, workers have no proof of their attendance and work done. In the district of West Singhbhum, Jharkhand, workers reported having worked on a NREGA project, the attendance records of which do not exist on the NREGA website. Since there are no physical records the workers can use as evidence, they have no way of proving their attendance, and will consequently lose out on pay for two full weeks of work. This is a clear erosion of the transparency and citizen oversight the app claims to improve.

Corruption has been a rising problem in NREGA, with funds being siphoned off by faking attendance records. While ostensibly the NMMS's focus on real-time, geo-tagged attendance could be one way of addressing this corruption, the MoRD has not provided much clarity on either the magnitude of this corruption or the manner in which the NMMS addresses it. There are no parameters established to assess the app's performance, either on transparency, or on quicker processed payments.

Strengthen social audits

Instead of focusing on this app or introducing other complex technological reforms, we strongly believe social audits must be strengthened. Social audits are citizen-centric institutions, where the citizens of the panchayat have a direct role and say in how NREGA functions in their panchayat. Audits have worked well in the past, allowing the local rights holders to be invested in decisions, and hold the administration accountable themselves. But instead of strengthening citizen-centric institutions such as social audit units and gram sabhas, the MoRD seems keener on introducing technological reforms that can be complex to understand and fundamentally inaccessible for workers.

It seems ironic that an application meant to improve citizen oversight and transparency was implemented with no consultation and discussion with NREGA workers, functionaries, or government field officials. The NMMS is consequently blind to the actual functioning of NREGA on the ground. The MoRD's habit of passing reforms with no stakeholder consultation does not fall in line with the principles of transparency and citizen-participation enshrined in NREGA. The NMMS has very clear problems that will make it increasingly difficult for workers to continue working under NREGA, eroding the right to work that underwrites the NREGA Act.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Wounding democracy

Throwing all democratic norms to the wind, the 'national party' (Page 1, "Shinde says rebel Sena group has support of 'national party'," June 24) appears to be bulldozing its way to overthrow State governments which do not follow its diktats. Whatever the final outcome is, the sordid political drama in Maharashtra has shamed democracy and right-thinking Indians. It is time the people of our great country expose and end such political antics.

Dr. Biju C. Mathew,
Thiruvananthapuram

■ We have heard it from the horse's mouth – rebel party leader Eknath Shinde's revelation about who was behind the entire operation of splitting the Shiv Sena. The strength and the confidence of Mr. Shinde appear to be emanating more from this 'national party's' support than the number of MLAs owing allegiance to him. The primary reason for the revolt is only a fig leaf for disguising the truth: a hankering for power. The 'national party' seems to believe that it is divinely ordained to rule every State; in the process, it has lost its moral compass. The political drama in Maharashtra is an indictment of the 'national party' for damaging the cause of democracy by taking advantage of disparate parties, ideologies, ambitions and loyalties in the furtherance of its interests.

G. David Milton,
Marathancode, Tamil Nadu

Recruitment, reform

The Agnipath scheme has implications for the economy, employment in general and politics. There are sections of society with all their basic needs fulfilled and living a comfortable life; so they may not understand the uncertainty involved in a four-year contract. In rural India, the job of a jawan is considered to be of "very high value"; now, that is at stake. The top political leadership has to introduce some sensible modifications. If the scheme is about reforms in the defence sector, then they have to be for the benefit of the youth of India who aspire to serve the forces for a longer term.

Murty K.S.V.S.N.,
China Waltair, Visakhapatnam

Ooty's 'highland' tigers

The report that a tiger has been spotted near Udhagamandalam town can send a shiver down the spine of residents (June 24). But it is good news from an ecological point of view. It should spur the Forest Department to ensure that a secure habitat is ensured for the 'highland' tigers.

J. Sethna,
Udhagamandalam

Where peace hangs by a thread

The death of a student in a village in Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu has heightened fears of caste conflict. **Udhav Naig** reports on the incident and explains why, across the region, the issue of caste identifiers has school authorities and the administration on the edge

A month after a Thevar boy was allegedly killed by a Scheduled Caste boy in a Government Higher Secondary School, fear was still palpable in Adaichani, a quiet village in the picturesque Ambasamudram Taluk of Tirunelveli district. The houses in the Dalit neighbourhood of the village in Tamil Nadu, which are lined with tiled roofs, are basic. Most of the residents are labourers with modest means. They hope that the younger generation will get a shot at a better life. They equally dread the possibility of an explosion of caste violence.

The incident occurred on April 25. M. Selva Suriya, a Thevar boy studying in Class 12, was allegedly attacked by a teenager belonging to the Arundhathiyar community along with two Muslim boys of Class 11. While the Thevars are a socially and politically dominant Other Backward Classes community, the Arundhathiyars are among the most disadvantaged within the SCs spread across western and southern Tamil Nadu. Selva Suriya, who had suffered a serious injury on his head, was treated in a hospital for five days for internal haemorrhage. He died after failing to respond to the treatment. While the two Muslim boys are out on bail, the Arundhathiyar boy is in a juvenile home.

In filmmaker Vetrimaaran's 2019 hit, *Asuran*, adapted from the book *Vekkai* by Poomani, Sivasamy, played by Dhanush, flees his village with his son to save the child from a retaliatory attack by a landlord from a dominant caste. In a similar vein, some parents of Arundhathiyar boys in Adaichani village have sent their children away to other villages. Others who continue to send their children to school said they live with the constant fear that they may have to pay the price for the Thevar boy's death. The history of caste violence in southern Tamil Nadu shows that the apprehension of an eye-for-an-eye payback prevails in these areas. "They will definitely seek revenge," an activist feared.

"Sending the boys away is not an overreaction," said a relative of the accused in this case. "We hear all kinds of rumours. Recently, we heard that they (the Thevars) are going to attack our village after the Rekla race (a century-old bull-cart race). Students are receiving threats on WhatsApp. We cannot ignore them as just rumours."

The Government Higher Secondary School in Tirunelveli district where Selva Suriya, the Thevar boy, studied. (Below): Coloured electricity poles are an identifier of caste. A street in Adaichani in Tirunelveli district.
• SHAIKMOHIDEEN A.

Caste animosity and a death

The provocation for the latest fight, many suggested, was a 'caste thread'. Selva Suriya, who had allegedly always been heckling the Arundhathiyar boy, had apparently objected to him wearing a caste thread on his wrist. The caste thread is worn by several dominant OBC and SC communities on their wrists to signify their sociopolitical identities. Over the years, many other SC groups have also started wearing these caste threads.

The animosity between Selva Suriya, who many described as boisterous, and the Arundhathiyar boy had apparently been growing over time. But Selva Suriya's grieving mother, Uchimahali, denied these accounts. She held that her son would never have caused any kind of hostility between students of different caste groups in school.

The school authorities and management refused to speak about the case. However, one staff member said that there had been an altercation between Selva Suriya and the other group a few days before the fateful incident. "It probably happened on a Saturday somewhere outside the school premises. None of the students told us about it. We could have done something had we known," he said.

Uchimahali said that the school authorities had never alerted her about the disciplinary issues they had with her son. "Not once did the school tell us about the fights he was [allegedly] involved in," she said. "They say the problem was because of the caste thread. On that day, I heard, the teacher had shouted at him and had asked him to leave the class. He had gone to the restroom in the afternoon. The boys in the restroom had assumed that he had come to pick up a fight with them and pushed him to the floor. Two of them climbed on top of him and one of them hit him with a 'cudappah' stone. They took him to a clinic where he was given first aid. The doctors there suggested that he should be taken to Ambai GH (General Hospital). There his wound was stitched up. Then he was taken to the police station," said Uchimahali, recollecting all that she had heard from her son's friends and the school authorities. She said she met her injured son at the police station and took him home. Later, she and her husband rushed him to hospital realising that he needed more treatment.

"But we don't know exactly what happened. There are cameras everywhere in the school. But they say that a particular camera (which could have captured the fight between the students) wasn't working. We haven't seen the video," she said.

Uchimahali accused the school authorities of not administering proper first aid treatment to the injured boy and not informing her in time about the incident. "The incident happened in the afternoon, but we went to the Tirunelveli Medical College and Hospital only at 11 p.m.," she said.

A long-festering rivalry

Incidentally, Sekar (name changed), the uncle of the accused, with whom the boy has been staying after the death of his parents, was also upset about the missing video. "I think there were two groups in school: one of that Thevar boy and two Konar boys and the other of our boy along with two other Muslim boys. The school has cameras inside. If four people were involved in the incident, the camera should have captured the whole incident, right? The school authorities are covering it up saying they don't have the footage," he alleged.

Sekar said the incident did not happen just because of the caste thread, and that hostility between the two groups had been simmering for a while. "The Thevar boy was said to be unruly. He had joined this government school from another school because the other school had some disciplinary issues with him," he said.

Uchimahali denied this claim. "He moved to the government school from a private school because we couldn't afford the fees given my husband's meagre monthly income," she said.

The father of another Arundhathiyar boy in the village, who studies in the same school, said that the video evidence from the school was crucial as it would reveal the caste atrocities against the young boy.

Sekar said, "Selva Suriya had apparently thrown dirty water at our boy from the plate on which he ate. We need to see the video evidence from the CCTV cameras. We don't know what exactly happened." He also denied that Arundhathiyar boys wore caste threads in the village, but could not confirm that the boys did not wear them in school. "We don't let them do that when they are here," he said.

Sekar also believed that Selva Suriya first threw a stone against his nephew after which the Arundhathiyar boy used the same stone to get back at him. "The other side (Thevars) have money, political clout and muscle. So, whatever they say becomes the truth."

Sekar said that though Selva Suriya's mother had urged the school authorities to prevent caste issues in school, people of the dominant caste who were standing outside the gate were "loudly" demanding that the Arundhathiyars pay for what had happened.

While the uncle of the Arundhathiyar boy said that the situation has become less tense two months since the incident, police personnel continue to be stationed in the Arundhathiyar quarters of Adachani. Selvaraj, a resident of the village, said his son had to go to school with police protection to write the exam after the incident. While the police were cooperative, there was uncertainty about what may happen when police protection is withdrawn, he said.

The staff in the school were equally concerned about their safety. One of them said, "Some are saying that they (Thevars) could attack the school teachers as well for allowing this to happen. We did everything in our power to prevent these caste issues from erupting in school. Around five teachers, including the headmistress, would stand near the gate and check every student for caste threads, chains and so on, and would make them remove these accessories. Despite our efforts, students would smuggle these accessories inside to show off. What happened was unfortunate. The students have come back to school after COVID-19 [closures] and it has become difficult to enforce discipline in school."

Activists said that the whole incident is being conveniently reduced to a conflict over a caste thread, when the underlying reason was the assertion of identity by the SCs in ways similar to how OBCs asserted their identities in the past. This assertion, they said, has become the flashpoint for conflict.

Asserting caste identity

Apart from caste threads, chains and T-shirts printed with the photos of leaders and icons are also common indicators of caste identity. Sometimes, so are electric poles in the villages. In Thevar neighbourhoods, poles are painted yellow and red. In Dalit neighbourhoods, they are painted blue and red in areas where the Paraiyars live, and red and green in areas where the Devendra Kula Vellalars live. Threads, bands, chains, T-shirts and other caste-related accessories are available in shops in small and big townsWhile several dominant OBC communities exhibit their identity in public through caste organisations, flags, political leaders, colours, and by invoking celebrity icons, SC communities have also begun doing the same using their own flags, colours, icons and organisations. For instance, if Thevars celebrate Muthuramalinga Thevar and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose as their icons, Devendra Kula Vellalars Immanuel Sekaran and the Arundhathiyars celebrate Madurai Veeran. Such assertion of caste identity by the SCs has often led to reprisal and conflict.

The strong Dalit uprising in Tamil Nadu in the 1990s saw influential SC political leaders and political parties emerging from the most prominent SC communities: the Devendra Kula Vellalars, the Paraiyars and the Arundhathiyars. While the Dravidian and Left movements in Tamil Nadu helped push back against Brahmin domination in all spheres, political parties, including the two main Dravidian parties, have not adequately addressed the conflict between the socially and politically dominant OBCs and the SCs, especially in the southern districts, experts argued.

The dominant OBC communities such as Vanniyars in the northern districts, Gounders in the western districts, Thevars in the southern districts, and sometimes other OBC communities have had frequent conflicts with SC groups such as Paraiyars who are spread across Tamil Nadu; Arundhathiyars, who are concentrated in the western and southern parts of the State; and Devendra Kula Vellalars in southern Tamil Nadu.

Socially, politically and numerically dominant castes in each district are neatly accommodated by the two major political parties in the State - the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam and the All-India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam. As a result, SCs are not provided adequate representation and a share in power. They are often overlooked for plum ministerial portfolios in the State government, said Dalit activists and members of political parties.

Human rights activist Murugan Kanna, who was formerly with the Left student and youth movement, said that the colours of the flags and the public icons of SCs have always irritated the dominant castes and the upper castes. "They are unable to tolerate the fact that a Dalit is now raising flags and shouting slogans when he was previously servile with folded hands," he said.

Kanna said that tension over a caste thread led to a murder in 1999: "A student named Esakki Raja was murdered at the Tirunelveli bus stand. He was wearing a green-red caste thread and was murdered by people from the Maravar caste (OBCs). After that, another boy named Venkatesh was murdered in November 2016 in a school for the same reason. At Pallikottai village in Tirunelveli, a young autorickshaw driver was murdered by minors in 2018 for exhibiting Devendra Kula Vellalar colours - green and red - and a picture of Immanuel Sekaran on his auto. So, it is not just about the caste thread. In the 1990s, it was about flags; now it has moved to caste threads. When Venkatesh died, there was a big protest over the murder. People surrounded the hospital and refused to take the body. When the district administration urged us to talk it out, we put forth many demands." One of the demands was that the district administration set up monitoring committees in schools to instil discipline among students and stop the culture of caste-based identification in schools. Physical education teachers were put in charge of these committees in schools across Tirunelveli, and of holding parent-teacher meetings to resolve such issues, he said.

Kanna added that SC students also face issues on their way to school. "In the bus, they face issues when they want a song played from actor Prashanth or actor Vikram's movies as non-Dalits want to play songs from the movies of actors who are from their caste. Issues arise when songs that invoke caste pride are played," he said.

Following caste rules

Several young people from K. Paraipatti, a village in Usilampatti in Madurai, said that while they freely mingle with students from other castes, it is common to form groups with people from the same caste, exhibit caste identity and identify with those from the same community. This is a place where the All-India Forward Bloc, a party with which the Thevar icon Muthuramalinga Thevar was associated, continues to be relevant.

"We are brought up in a culture where it is impossible to not follow these caste rules. Though we are told in schools and colleges that caste and religion do not matter, it is not possible for me to not follow those rules. We are taught that we can ascertain a person's caste based on many factors. A caste thread is one of them," said a young college student. Other ways of ascertaining a person's caste include figuring out which actor they like, which Gods they worship, which village they come from, and how they dress, he said. "We are all inspired by the culture and fashion statements made by the celebrities of our caste. For instance, the Pullingo culture (a popular sub-culture of north Chennai where young people with coloured hair participate in street races) has been embraced by the SC youth in our colleges as well," he said.

Similarly, the young people of the Yadava, Nadar and a few other OBC communities wear threads/bands in certain colours. The borders of their dhotis also have these colours. In past instances, it was observed that caste-based groups had a significant role to play in encouraging, promoting and prescribing to students what accessories they should wear in schools and colleges in the Tirunelveli, Tenkasi and Thoothukudi districts. In turn, teenagers have enjoyed the backing of members of their caste outfits to establish themselves as "dons" on school campuses and even settle scores outside school.

These fights over playing film songs in buses and wearing caste threads have often spilt onto the streets. There have been fist fights at the bus terminals of Tirunelveli and Palayamkottai in the past.

Seeking protection

Following Selva Suriya's death, Tirunelveli District Collector V. Vishnu has asked the heads of all educational institutions to convene the School Advisory and Management Committee to ensure that the norms laid down by the Department of School Education are enforced. These include removing bands and threads, ensuring that students have proper haircuts and wear the appropriate attire and prohibiting the use of mobile phones on school premises.

Following this incident, Muslims too grew concerned after sustained efforts were made by a few religious outfits in the region to paint this as an attack by Muslim boys on a Hindu. The police swiftly clarified through WhatsApp that the crime had no religious motive. This message was widely shared in the area. The Arundhathiyars in Adaichani wondered how long they would need protection from law enforcement agencies and the State administration.

While the parents of both Selva Suriya and the three accused are seeking answers about what exactly happened in school that day, the Arundhathiyars in Adaichani demanded to know how long they need to live in fear. "We got independence from the British, but not from them (caste Hindus). They still want to dominate us," said Sekar.

(With inputs from P. Sudhakar)

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16 rebel Shiv Sena MLAs to be given notice

Earlier, addressing Sena office-bearers, Mr. Thackeray dared the rebel MLAs to survive politically without using the photograph of Sena founder, the late Bal Thackeray, and the party's name. He told party workers that he had no greed for power, but had not lost the determination to fight.

"I was aware of growing closeness between him [Shinde] and the BJP and I had even once called him to ask about the same. He wasn't forthcoming then, but said that few MLAs want to ally with the BJP. I asked him whether he is happy to join hands with the party which attacked my family? I told him that they [BJP] have a policy of use and throw and same will happen to you," Mr. Thackeray said.

According to sources from the rebel camp, Mr. Shinde is now aiming to take over the entire party within the legislature, but his efforts faced a hurdle after Maharashtra Assembly Deputy Speaker Narhari Zirwal approved Ajay Chaudhary as the Sena's legislature party leader replacing Mr. Shinde. The Shinde group held a meeting in the Guwahati hotel where they are stationed and decided to move a no-confidence motion against Mr. Zirwal, following which two BJP-backed Independent MLAs wrote to Mr. Zirwal claiming he has no authority to disqualify any MLA.

On Thursday, the Sena had moved a petition to disqualify 12 MLAs. A day later, it added four more names to the list. By late Friday, Advocate-General Ashutosh Kumbhakoni reached the legislature building to discuss the possible scenario. With a legal battle between the two groups in sight, the ongoing crisis is likely to be extended.

Eschewing conciliatory offers made earlier to the rebel Shiv Sena faction led by Eknath Shinde, the Sena on Friday took a hard line against their 'perfidy' with Sanjay Raut, MP, stating that the party's doors were henceforth closed to the rebels. "We will win on the floor of the House. Should this battle be fought on the streets, then we will win that too. Those who want to challenge us, can return to Mumbai. We had given them a chance to turn back, but now I think that time has elapsed," said Mr. Raut.

Farmers and trade unions hold protests against Agnipath plan

SKM says just four years of service and denial of pension is injustice to all youth

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The Samyukt Kisan Morcha, the umbrella organisation of various farmers' organisations and 10 Central trade unions, held joint protests against the Agnipath scheme at various centres across the country on Friday. The SKM said civil society organisations and students also joined the protests against "the anti-military, anti-farmer and anti-national scheme". The SKM also sent a memorandum to President Ram Nath Kovind urging his intervention so that the scheme could be dropped.

SKM said protest demonstrations were held at district and block headquarters in States such as Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Uttarakhand, Tamil Nadu and Chhatisgarh. They urged the President to cancel the Agnipath scheme and restore regular recruitment in the Army against 1,25,000 vacancies at present and about 60,000 posts which will be vacant this year. The SKM demanded that age relaxation of two years should be given to the youth for general recruitment and all false cases against the protesters must be withdrawn and arrested youth should be freed.

Members of Krantikari Yuva Sangathan being detained by police during a protest in New Delhi on Friday. • R. V. MOORTHY

"Stopping the recruitment process which started in 2020-21 is playing with the dreams of the youth, and reducing the number of recruits in the Army, reducing the length of service to four years, and ending pension is an injustice to all the youth and families who saw the armed forces as a career along with the service of the country," the SKM said. They said replacing the regiment's social character with 'All Class All India' recruits would be a huge blow to the regions and communities that have served the nation through the army for generations.

"These include areas like Punjab, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, western Uttar Pradesh and eastern Rajasthan," it said. In Haryana, the activists of the SKM gathered at Hisar, Panipat, Bhiwani, Karnal, and Ambala, and staged demonstrations against the scheme. The protesters demanded that the scheme be immediately withdrawn and the recruitment for the armed forces be carried out as per the earlier terms and conditions.

3,800 youth apply for IAF recruitment

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Approximately 3800 youth have registered till 5pm on Friday, the first day of registration, for recruitment into the Indian Air Force (IAF) under the new Agnipath scheme, according to an IAF official.

Registration for the IAF is open from June 24 to July 05 while registrations for Army and Navy are set to open on July 01.

Overall 46,000 Agniveers are set to be recruited this year, 40,000 by Army, and 3000 each by the Navy and IAF. According to the schedule given by IAF, the course is set to commence on December 30, 2022.First of batch of Agniveers are set to arrive at Navy's training establishment INS Chilka on November 21. In a first, the Navy will also recruit women Agniveers.

'Agnipath will create two categories of soldiers'

Congress calls it dangerous situation

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The Agnipath scheme will create two categories of soldiers, which will impact the cohesion of combat units, the Congress said on Friday, as it accused the Narendra Modi government of playing with national security.

Making his debut as a national spokesperson of the Congress on a day the Indian Air Force started the registration process for Agnipath scheme, former Lok Sabha member Lt. Col. Manvendra Singh (retd.) said having soldiers with different privileges fighting in the same unit could be a potentially "dangerous" situation. "When there is difference of status, difference in pay, perks, allowances between two soldiers doing the same duties, it is a very dangerous situation and sure shot disaster," he told reporters.

"Has the government thought about unit cohesion in an environment in which Agniveers will be serving alongside Sepoys who enjoy secure pensions and more generous benefits and allowances that include three times as much leave entitlement as them," he asked.

Manvendra Singh

The Congress spokesperson said the biggest impact would be on the scale of recruitment in terms of sheer numbers and the principle of regional balance that was usually followed by the armed forces in national interest. He also questioned the effectiveness as well as motivation of a combat soldier with just six-month training. "Has the government given any thought to the risks of releasing a large number of trained military personnel into an environment of scarce jobs and temptations from criminal quarters, or worse?" asked the Congress spokesperson.

"Nearly 50,000 people have spent the last three years undergoing physical and medical and awaiting tests for seniority," he said.

U.S. Supreme Court overturns abortion right

Chief Justice John Roberts, who has become the most centrist among the conservative justices, given the changing composition of the court, upheld a Mississippi law (the focus of the case being decided this week) banning abortions after 15 weeks, but said he would not go as far as overturning *Roe*.

Decades ago, *Roe* itself was decided 7-2, with five Republican-appointed judges joining the majority at the time.

"With sorrow – for this court, but more, for the many millions of American women who have today lost a fundamental constitutional protection – we dissent," liberal justices Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan wrote on Friday, adding that the decision "breaches a core rule-of-law principle, designed to promote constancy in the law".

"In doing all of that, it places in jeopardy other rights, from contraception to same-sex intimacy and marriage. And finally, it undermines the court's legitimacy," they wrote.

Rights activists have been concerned that there could be a domino effect on these other rights.

Justice Clarence Thomas wrote in a concurring opinion on Friday that the court should reconsider "all of this court's substantive due process precedents..." , naming three precedents that protect contraception as well as same-sex marriage and same-sex relationships.

Justice Alito , however, limited the scope of the judgment in the majority opinion, writing, "Nothing in this opinion should be understood to cast doubt on precedents that do not concern abortion."

That the court has a strong conservative bent, which is based on a 6-3 majority, was evident this week. Friday's decision comes a day after the Supreme Court rolled back restrictions in New York State on who may carry concealed guns in public.

'Tragic error'

Addressing the nation in the early afternoon on Friday, President Joe Biden called the decision a "tragic error" and a "sad day" for the court and the country.

"The court has done what it has never done before, expressly take away a constitutional right that is so fundamental to so many Americans," he said.

Roe had protected a woman's right to choose, Mr. Biden said, and "her right to make intensely personal decisions with her doctor, free from the interference of politics".

Warning to officials

Mr. Biden warned officials, "state or local" ," high or low" not to interfere in the right of a woman to travel to a State where she could have an abortion.

The President also called on all those protesting the ruling to stay peaceful and said violence was "never acceptable". Democrats are preparing to take gun control laws and abortion rights to voters this November, when the country heads to the polls in midterm elections. "This fall, *Roe* is on the ballot, personal freedoms are on the ballot, the right to privacy, liberty, equality...they're all on the ballot," Mr. Biden said.

Tapan Deka to head Intelligence Bureau

He will be in charge till June 2024; RAW Secretary Samant Goel gets a year's extension

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NEW DELHI

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) on Friday appointed Tapan Kumar Deka, a 1988-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer, as Director, Intelligence Bureau for a period of two years, till June 2024. He will be in service during the remaining term of the present government as the next Lok Sabha election will conclude in May that year.

The panel gave another one-year extension in service to Samant Kumar Goel, Secretary, Research and Analysis Wing (RAW).

Mr. Deka, from the Himachal Pradesh cadre who was set to retire in February 2023, will assume office on July 1 after incumbent Arvinda Kumar retires on June 30.

An ACC order said that Mr. Deka will assume charge for a tenure of two years from the date of assumption of the charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by granting extension in service under the provisions of FR 56(d) and Rule 16 (IA) of All India Services (Death-cum-Retirement Benefits) Rules, 1958.

Tapan Kumar Deka

Currently posted as Special Director, IB, Mr. Deka, who hails from Assam, is handling the operations desk. He was deputed by Home Minister Amit Shah to oversee the operations in the Kashmir Valley after the first spate of civilian killings started in October 2021.

Mr. Deka supersedes one senior officer – 1987-batch IPS officer A.S Rajan in the internal intelligence agency.

Five officers from the 1988 batch are serving in the Intelligence Bureau (IB).

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sharma said in a tweet that Mr. Deka's illustrious career will continue to inspire youth of Assam.

On May 28, the ACC granted a year's extension to RAW Secretary Samant Kumar Goel. Meanwhile, RAW Secretary Samant Kumar Goel, whose two-year fixed term would have ended on June 30, 2021, was granted another one-year extension by the ACC. Mr. Goel is a 1984-batch IPS officer from the Punjab cadre.

Ship-borne weapon system tested

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NEW DELHI

Indigenously developed Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) was successfully flight-tested by DRDO and the Navy from a warship at Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha on Friday. It is a ship-borne weapon system meant for neutralising various aerial threats at close ranges.

"The launch of the system was conducted against a high speed aerial target mimicking aircraft. The flight path of the vehicle were monitoredby ITR, Chandipur," a statement from DRDO said.

Chidambaram flays govt. over state of economy

Is it really in the pink of health, he asks

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NEW DELHI

Is the Indian economy really in the "pink of health", senior Congress leader P. Chidambaram questioned on Friday, accusing the government of "backsliding on the fiscal deficit target for the current year" and pointing out the depreciating value of rupee.

In a series of tweets, Mr. Chidambaram said, "Within months of setting the FD target at 6.4% for 2022-23, government is backsliding. Now, Government is saying it will 'try to keep the FD at 6.7%', same as the level in 2021-22."

The Congress has carried out a sustained attack on the BJP government for the state of economy in the recent months. Mr. Chidambaram also pointed out that all the economic indices are way off the mark.

P. Chidambaram

"High FD, high inflation, huge FPI outflows, depreciating rupee, depletion of forex reserves – what do they point to? Is the Indian economy in the pink of health," he questioned.

Parameswaran Iyer will be new NITI Aayog CEO

Now, he is Programme Manager of Water Resources Group

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

V. Parameswaran Iyer, a senior officials who helmed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's pet scheme, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, will be the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the NITI Aayog. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet cleared his name for the post here on Friday. Mr. Iyer will get at least two years in the post.

Mr. Iyer replaces Amitabh Kant, who completes his term in the office on June 30. A Government Order added that he will work on the same terms and conditions as were applicable for Mr. Kant.

V. Parameswaran Iyer

At present, Mr. Iyer functions as the Programme Manager of the 2030 Water Resources Group, a platform hosted by the World Bank for water conservation.

Mr. Iyer joined the IAS in 1981 in the Uttar Pradesh cadre, and had served as the Secretary of the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

He worked at the United Nations too for a few years as a senior rural water sanitation specialist.

He is a Professor at the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad in management practices.

Mr. Kant was appointed CEO of the National Institutions for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog on February 17, 2016, for two years. He got three extensions during his tenure. Under Mr. Kant, the NITI Aayog helped the Centre launch several programmes such as Digital India and Make in India.

NCPCR drafts norms for child actors

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, has issued draft guidelines for the employment of children in the entertainment industry which require producers to obtain permission from the District Magistrate, ensure a safe environment as well as provide private tutors for child artistes required to skip school for shoots.

The guidelines require producers to seek permission from the District Magistrate for engaging children for a programme.

Murmu files nomination for Presidential poll

According to the sources, Ms. Banerjee did not make any commitment to Ms. Murmu but wished her all the best for the election. The Prime Minister proposed her name as a nominee in the first of the four sets of nomination papers filed by Ms. Murmu. The second set of proposers were the Chief Ministers of BJP-ruled States, the third set of proposers were MLAs and MPs from Himachal and Haryana and the fourth set were MLAs and MPs from Gujarat.

Ms. Murmu will be facing off against former Finance Minister in the Vajpayee government, Yashwant Sinha, in the election and is expected to win as she has garnered the support of not just the NDA grouping but several other parties such as the YSRCP, and the BJD.

YSRCP leader Vijay Sai Reddy was also present at the nomination.

Sources said an elaborate travel plan will be drawn up for for her to visit various States to draw support for her candidature.

Twists and turns in National Herald case

Delhi High Court set to hear on July 11 the matter of admissibility of I-T records

ABHINAY LAKSHMAN
NEW DELHI

With the continuing money laundering investigation against Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and senior Congress leaders related to the *National Herald* case, the point of contention that has held up the original complaint in the matter filed by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Subramanian Swamy is whether certain documents, including income tax records, can be admitted in the trial court proceedings before Mr. Swamy's cross-examination is complete.

Into its 11th year, the trial in the case has now been stayed for over a year on a plea by Mr. Swamy, who approached the Delhi High Court last February challenging a trial court decision not to allow these documents to be admitted before his cross-examination is complete.

The High Court then stayed the trial (which was at the pre-charge evidence stage) and will now hear the matter on the documents on July 11.

Since February 20, 2016, which was set as the first date for leading the prosecution evidence in the matter, the trial has moved slowly.

Referring to multiple petitions filed by Mr. Swamy under Section 91 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Cr.PC) since then, seeking to introduce fresh documents in the case, then Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Samar Vishal had in a May 2018 order noted, This "is not serving any purpose but is in fact delaying the trial... the first date for leading prosecution evidence was 20/02/2016 and till now the evidence has not been started".

This order had also dismissed a petition of Mr. Swamy to introduce I-T records pertaining to Mr. Gandhi and Ms. Gandhi and held that he, as a complainant, needed to be examined and cross-examined first before additional documents can be called.

This triggered Mr. Swamy's examination in the proceedings on July 21, 2018.

The rest of 2018 was spent Mr. Swamy examining himself, and arguing on an application by the accused seeking to restrain him from posting on Twitter about the case, which was ultimately denied.

In 2019, Mr. Swamy's cross-examination was listed on 12 dates, out of which, he was examined by the accused's lawyers on four occasions.

On five occasions, the proceedings were deferred on Mr. Swamy's request – citing he was either at the National Executive meeting of his party (BJP), out of town, or attending Parliament.

On two dates (April 27, 2019, and September 28, 2019), both parties had sought deferment and on one date, it was deferred because the Presiding Officer (the judge) was absent.

Webinar on studying abroad on June 26

Topic is Fly to find your dream college

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

The Hindu Education Plus will host a webinar jointly with Santamonica Study Abroad Private Limited. on the topic "Fly to find your dream college" on June 26 at 5 p.m.

Nicy Binu, Director, Santamonica Study Abroad Private Limited will be the key speaker.

The other participants in the webinar include Divya S. Pillai, Project Manager, Canada; Sobitha Thomas, Project Manager, U.K.; Reshmi Mohadas, Assistant Coordinator - Australia, New Zealand and Ireland; and Ashitha Sudhakar, Assistant Coordinator, Europe. Rajoo Krishnan, career guidance expert, will moderate the webinar, which will be on June 26.

To register for the webinar visit: https://bit.ly/3xVN71c or scan the QR Code.

Sena leader detained in Guwahati

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

The Assam police on Friday detained a Shiv Sena leader for protesting outside the five-star hotel in Guwahati where party rebel Eknath Shinde and at least 40 other Maharashtra MLAs are staying.

Sanjay Bhosale, who claimed to be the deputy chief of Shiv Sena's Satara district unit, had flown from Mumbai in the morning and argued with the police for not letting him into the hotel.

He was also carrying a placard urging Mr. Shinde and the other MLAs to return to 'Matoshree', the residence of Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray.

A police officer said Mr. Bhosale was detained for protesting without seeking permission as the administration had imposed Section 144 outside the hotel.

Shiv Sena hardens stand on rebel group

Party's doors closed to them, ruling coalition in Maharashtra will not accept defeat, says Sanjay Raut

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PUNE

Eschewing the conciliatory offers made earlier to the rebel faction led by Eknath Shinde, the Shiv Sena on Friday took a hard line against their "perfidy", with Sanjay Raut, MP, saying the party's doors were closed to the rebels. He said the tripartite Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government stood firm and would complete its remaining tenure of two-and-a-half years.

He said the MVA would "not accept defeat" following Mr. Shinde's rebellion.

"They [rebel Sena MLAs] have taken a very wrong step... we [the MVA] will win on the floor of the House [Maharashtra Assembly]. Those who want to challenge us, can return to Mumbai... We had given them a chance to turn back, but now I think that time has elapsed," Mr. Raut said.

Standing by party: Shiv Sena workers taking out a protest rally against Eknath Shinde in Kolhapur on Friday. • PTI

With the MVA facing an existential crisis after Mr. Shinde, with his revolt, taking the bulk of the 55 Sena legislators on his side, Mr. Raut held an emergency meeting with NCP chief Sharad Pawar during which Sena MP Anil Desai and Home Minister and NCP leader Dilip Walse-Patil were present.

A meeting with NCP leaders was also held at Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray's official residence Matoshree.

Expressing confidence that the MVA would weather the present storm, Mr. Raut asserted that the coalition would fight and win the 2024 election.

"Now, we are challenging you [the rebel MLAs]...return from Guwahati to face us," the Sena MP said.

Mr. Raut was alluding to the likely prospect of legal wrangling when Mr. Shinde and the rebel groupclaims the Sena's 'bow and arrow' party symbol.

With the NCP pledging its support to Mr. Thackeray, Deputy Chief Minister and senior NCP leader Ajit Pawar on Friday reiterated that his party's role would be to back the Chief Minister and keep the MVA government afloat.

Lauding Mr. Thackeray's leadership of the MVA, Mr. Ajit Pawar said: "Mr. Thackeray has taken everyone along with him in the last two-and-a-half-years."

Assam Congress asks Shinde to leave State

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

The Assam Congress on Friday requested Eknath Shinde to leave the State along with more than 40 other Maharashtra MLAs. A letter from State Congress president Bhupen Kumar Borah in this regard was delivered to Mr. Shinde around the time the latter exited a five-star hotel for an undisclosed destination. He returned to the hotel alone late in the afternoon in the personal car of a senior Assam police officer. State BJP leaders entrusted with ensuring hospitality for the MLAs said Mr. Shinde could have gone for a meeting in the company of Assam BJP MP Pallab Lochan Das.

Sonia Gandhi inducts new members to CWC

Subbarami Reddy is permanent invitee

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Former Haryana Congress chief Kumari Selja and Rajya Sabha member Abhishek Manu Singhvi are among the four new members who have been nominated to the Congress Working Committee (CWC) by party president Sonia Gandhi.

T. Subbarami Reddy from Andhra Pradesh has been made a permanent invitee to the CWC and former Uttar Pradesh Congress chief Ajay Kumar Lallu a special invitee.

The new appointments also reflect an attempt to carefully balance inner party political equation.

While Mr. Singhvi has been elevated in recognition of his contribution to handling of legal issues, Ms. Selja, a loyalist of the Gandhi family, has been brought in as a counter to former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda.

Similarly, Mr. Lallu is a Priyanka Gandhi Vadra confidant in Uttar Pradesh.

The new inductions come at a time when the process of organisational elections to elect new Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) chiefs are under way.

The internal organisational polls will culminate in the election of a new All India Congress Committee (AICC) president and reconstitution of the CWC. Having elected members to the CWC has been a key demand of G-23 leaders, the ginger group that has been pushing for reforms.

So, the new inductions, months before AICC presidential election, can be seen as an assertion by the Gandhi family. After the Nav Sankalp chintan shivir in May and the Rajya Sabha elections last month, the G-23 too has almost dissipated.

Supreme Court upholds SIT's closure report in Gujarat riots case

Zakia Jafri, wife of slain Congress leader, had opposed clean chit to Modi, others

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday upheld the closure report filed by the court-appointed Special Investigation Team (SIT) in Zakia Jafri's complaint in February 2012.

Ms. Jafri, widow of Congress leader Ehsan Jafri who was killed in the 2002 Gujarat riots, had approached the court against the SIT's clean chit to the then Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi and over 60 officials in the State in the case.

The SIT had found no material evidence against Mr. Modi and the other higher-ups in the State. The Gujarat High Court too had refused to entertain Ms. Jafri.

"No fault can be found with the approach of the SIT in submitting final report dated February 8, 2012, which is backed by firm logic, expositing analytical mind and dealing with all aspects objectively for discarding the allegations regarding larger criminal conspiracy (at the highest level) for causing and precipitating mass violence across the State against the minority community during the relevant period," Justice Khanwilkar said.

Congress leader Ehsan Jafri was killed in Ahmedabad's Gulberg Society in 2002.

The court observed that the SIT had operated under the strict scrutiny of the Supreme Court's *amicus curiae*.

Upholding the Gujarat Magistrate court's decision to accept the SIT's closure report, which was a product of "indefatigable work", the top court said a breakdown of law and order in a State, even caused by inaction of the State officials, leading to spontaneous mass violence, did not necessarily mean a conspiracy was afoot.

"The breakdown of law-and-order situation in the State, including attributable to the alleged inaction of the (State) duty holders, owing to spontaneous mass violence, cannot be a safe measure to infer as being a part of the criminal conspiracy at the highest level of political dispensation unless there is clear evidence to so conclude regarding meeting of the minds of all concerned and their concerted efforts to commit or promote commission of such crime," Justice Khanwilkar, accompanied by Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and C.T. Ravikumar, held.

In a snub to petitioners like Teesta Setalvad, who had fought the case on the behalf of Ms. Jafri for decades, the court said the "protagonists of quest for justice sitting in a comfortable environment in their air-conditioned office may succeed in connecting failures of the State administration at different levels during such horrendous situation, little knowing or even referring to the ground realities and the continual effort put in by the duty holders in controlling the spontaneous evolving situation unfolding in the aftermath of mass violence across the State".

The court said allegations were made against Mr. Modi and the others by Ms. Jafri solely on the basis of the "ultra-sensational revelation" projected by senior police officers R.B. Sreekumar and Sanjiv Bhatt, and former Gujarat Minister Haren Pandya who was killed in 2003, that certain utterances were made by the then Chief Minister and other senior officials in a meeting held on February 27, 2002 "to give vent to the Hindu anger on the minorities in the wake of the Godhra incident" in which kar sevaks returning from Ayodhya in Sabarmati Express were allegedly attacked and coaches of the train were set on fire at Godhra Railway Station. Fifty-nine people died in the incident that preceded the riots in the State.

"The testimony of Sanjiv Bhatt, Haren Pandya and also of R.B. Sreekumar was only to sensationalise and politicise the matters in issue, although, replete with falsehood," the court said.

It said despite several handicaps, the then Chief Minister had made repeated calls for peace and was quick to seek Central forces and the Army.

Ex-CBI official welcomes SC order on Jafri

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Former Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Director R.K. Raghavan on Friday welcomed the Supreme Court order dismissing the petition filed by Zakia Jafri, widow of Congress leader Ehsan Jafri, against the clean chit given by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) to the then Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi.

"The SIT will remain a model for the world for many sensitive enquiries which have political ramifications," he said.

No two minds about death penalty, says SC

'Never tried to make it redundant'

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

In a blow to death penalty abolitionists, the Supreme Court on Friday held that judiciary has never endeavoured to make death penalty redundant or non-existent. The courts have never tried to avoid awarding capital punishment in deserving cases.

"It has never been the effort of the Courts to somehow make this punishment (sentence of death) ," the court observed in a judgment. Though the apex court has held that capital punishment should be awarded only in the rarest of rare cases, the judiciary cannot ignore death penalty as an alternative punishment as long it remains in the law books.

The hunt for mitigating circumstances to help save a condemned prisoner from the noose should not be an excuse to forsake death penalty, a Bench led by Justice A.M. Khanwilkar held.

The judgment was based on an appeal filed by a man condemned to death for brutally raping a mentally and physically challenged child. The court confirmed the death sentence noting that his conduct even after the crime has shown he was beyond reform..

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Steps to make buildings accessible

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Central Advisory Board on Disability on Friday asked States and Union Territories to identify public buildings that were yet to be made accessible by July 31 and seek an extension if required, according to a statement by the Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry.

The CAB, which is required by the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 to meet once in six months, held a meeting on Friday, its fifth ever. The last meeting was in 2020.

"The Board deliberated at length the issues relating to the provision in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 which provides a timeline of five years for making all existing public buildings accessible by 14.06.2022. The Board advised the States/UTs to identify the public buildings in their States/UTs, which are yet to be made accessible and draw out action plan to make such buildings accessible within the shortest possible time, while giving priority to education, health and other public utility buildings," the statement read.

Assam flood situation eases but 10 new fatalities reported

Silchar is still flooded, dumper placed at town's civil hospital to transport patients

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

The flood situation in Assam eased on Friday but left 10 more people dead, including four children.

A total of 117 people have died in floods and landslips across Assam since April, when pre-monsoon rain lashed the State.

While central and western Assam breathed easier, southern Assam's Barak Valley continued to be inundated. The situation in Silchar, the headquarters of Cachar district and the nerve centre of the valley, remained critical.

The scenario in Silchar has been so critical that local people have reported some human bodies, wrapped for the last rites, floating possibly because the cremation and burial groups are flooded.

Water logged: Security personnel rescue people from a flood-affected area in the worst-hit Silchar town in Assam. • PTI

Dumper for patients

Cachar's Deputy Commissioner, Keerthi Jalli, said that a dumper has been placed at the SM Dev Civil Hospital in Silchar for the transportation of critical patients to the Silchar Medical College and Hospital. The regular ambulances are unable to operate.

"We have also installed a water purification machine in the NH6 Bisupatti area for the people of some 400 households living on the roof of some buildings," she said.

An Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) official said additional resources and support systems have been deployed in the severely affected districts, especially Cachar and two others in Barak Valley.

"Two drones have been deployed in Silchar for carrying out the flood inundation mapping as well as to provide the relief materials in the inaccessible areas. About 85.2 metric tonnes of relief items, including packaged drinking water and rice, were air transported from Guwahati and Jorhat to Silchar," the official said.

According to the ASDMA's flood report, a total of 33.03 lakh people across 3,510 villages in 28 districts were affected in Assam in the last 24 hours.

Around 2.66 lakh people are staying across 717 relief camps in the affected districts.

Life in Nagaland was also affected during the last 24 hours due to incessant, heavy rainfall. Communication to many remote areas has been cut off but there was no report of any loss of life.

Apart from Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya have suffered rain-induced damage since April. A total of 38 people died in flash floods and landslips in these two States so far.

'Gulf countries support India in Prophet controversy'

Russian energy purchase is appreciated, says Vinay Kwatra

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
NEW DELHI

The recent controversy over the comments on Prophet Muhammed is unlikely to cast a shadow on the upcoming visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the United Arab Emirates, said a senior official here on Friday.

Addressing a special briefing, Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra said that there is no need to discuss the matter anymore.

"As far as Prophet controversy is concerned, almost all Gulf countries have an understanding of India's position. We have communicated our stand on various platforms. I don't think that will be taken forward anymore," Mr. Kwatra said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit the UAE on June 28 while returning from Germany, where he will represent India at the G7 summit.

Mr. Kwatra informed that Mr. Modi's visit to the UAE is aimed at conveying condolences on the passing away of the President of UAE, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

The UAE had joined Qatar and other Gulf countries in condemning the remarks by Bharatiya Janata Party leaders Nupur Sharma and Navin Kumar Jindal that were found to be offensive in nature. The comments drew widespread outrage in the Arab and Islamic blocs. In the Gulf countries, the outrage was amplified by public opinion expressed online.

Vinay Mohan Kwatra

In recent months, India often took combative position when questions were raised on its human rights record or on freedom of religion but there was an element of quiet diplomacy in the way New Delhi dealt with the Prophet issue. The MEA has maintained that "adequate" action has been taken against the two leaders who have been stripped of their party responsibilities since the protest broke out in the Gulf countries.

The UAE is also important from the point of view of India's energy requirement as the country is one of the major suppliers of energy to India. India has increased purchase of Russian energy as sanctions-hit Moscow has made its energy supplies available to India at a steep discount. The war in Ukraine and the sanctions on Russia are expected to feature in the G7 summit in Germany, where Prime Minister will participate during June 26-27. The western powers have been critical of India's increasing purchase of Russian crude but Mr. Kwatra defended India's purchase of Russian energy.

"Whatever are the trading arrangements that India puts in place with regard to the purchase of crude oil all over the world, is determined purely by the consideration of energy security in India. India's consideration for crude oil purchases is very well understood and it is appreciated all across the countries," said Mr. Kwatra presenting India's position on an issue that is expected to feature prominently at the G7 meeting.

'College biased in PwD vacancy'

Court asks to scrap job advertisement

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI

The court of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD) last week found that Lady Hardinge Medical College and Smt. Sucheta Kriplani Hospital discriminated against a disabled nursing officer who wanted to apply for a nursing tutor job.

According to the court's order on June 16, a nursing officer employed with the Delhi government's Health and Family Welfare Department, Monika Dhankar, had filed a complaint on December 7, 2021 against the college. The complainant alleged that one vacancy was reserved for person with benchmark disability. However, the disabled category was restricted to people with disability in one leg, whereas the complainant has 45% locomotor disability in one leg and one arm. During the hearing, Lady Hardinge College had submitted that the job of nursing tutor required "physical involvement in works related to ward supervision and inspection of premises." The college said the post was advertised in November 2020, but the exam for the post had not been held so far.

The CCPD court found that the complainant already held the job of nursing officer that involved "even more movement because this post required participation in treatment facilities" and that the college "failed to prove a significant difference between the posts of nursing officer and nursing tutor". The court concluded that the college had "discriminated with divyangjan with one arm and one leg category" and recommended that the advertisement be scrapped since the examination had not been held till now.

The college should renotify the vacancies after identifying them suitable for Persons with Disabilities with "one leg and one arm category" of disabilities, it said. The college was asked to submit a compliance report within three months.

Ms. Dhankar told *The Hindu* on Wednesday that she was yet to hear from the college. She said she has been working as a nursing officer for eight years and became disabled due to kyphoscoliosis three years into the job.

'Vaccines prevented 42 lakh deaths in India'

Study published in *Lancet Infectious Diseases* based its findings on estimates of excess mortalities

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

Vaccines against COVID-19 prevented over 42 lakh deaths in India in 2021, said a study published in *Lancet Infectious Diseases*, which based its findings on estimates of "excess" mortalities in the country during the pandemic.

India began its COVID-19 vaccination drive in January 2021 and as per records released by the Health Ministry, till date, the cumulative vaccination coverage exceeds 196.62 crore, making the programme one of the world's fastest vaccination drives.

Globally, the mathematical modelling study found COVID-19 vaccines reduced the potential death toll during the pandemic by nearly 20 million or more than half in the year following the implementation of vaccine drives.

The researchers used a model based on country-level data for officially recorded COVID-19 deaths occurring between December 8, 2020 and December 8, 2021.

"For India, we estimate that 42,10,000 deaths were prevented by vaccination in this period," lead author of the study, Oliver Watson from the Imperial College London, U.K., said in his statement.

A man gets his booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine in Visakhapatnam on Friday. • K.R. DEEPAK

The study is based on data from 185 countries and it found high and upper-middle income countries accounted for the greatest number of prevented deaths (1.22 crore/1.98 crore), highlighting inequalities around the world.

"These figures are based on the estimates of excess mortality in India during the COVID-19 pandemic, which we have sourced from *The Economist* and are similar to the estimates that the World Health Organization (WHO) reported. Independently, our group has also investigated the COVID-19 death toll based on reports of excess mortality and seroprevalence surveys and arrived at similar estimates of almost 10 times the official count," the lead author said.

According to the estimates by *The Economist*, 2.3 million people died in India from COVID-19 by the start of May 2021, as against official figures of around 2,00,000.

The WHO had last month estimated that there were 4.7 million COVID-linked deaths in India, a figure that was refuted by the government.

The research added that what this modelling study shows is that the vaccination campaign in India has likely saved millions of lives.

Meanwhile, to account for under-reporting of deaths in countries with weaker surveillance systems, researchers carried out a separate analysis based on the number of excess deaths recorded above those that would have been expected during the same time period. Where official data was not available, the team used estimates of all-cause excess mortality.

These analyses were compared with an alternative hypothetical scenario in which no vaccines were delivered. China was not included in the study.

The study said that an estimated further 5,99,300 lives could have been saved if the WHO target of vaccinating 40% of the population in each country with two or more doses by the end of 2021 had been met.

The authors note several limitations to their findings.

Notably, their model is based on a number of necessary assumptions, including the precise proportions of which vaccine types have been delivered, how they were delivered and the precise timing of when new virus variants arrived in each country.

India reports 17,336 new COVID-19 cases

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NEW DELHI

India reported a single-day rise of more than 17,000 fresh COVID-19 cases on Friday after a gap of over four months (124 days), recording a 30% jump in daily cases, according to the Union Health Ministry.

A total 17,336 COVID-19 cases were reported in a span of 24 hours, taking the total infection tally to 4,33,62,294, while the death toll due to the disease has climbed to 5,24,954 with 13 new fatalities being reported. The daily positivity rate was recorded at 4.32% and the weekly positivity rate at 3.07%. The count of active cases has increased to 88,284, and the recovery rate was recorded at 98.59%, said the Ministry.

J&K to host G-20 meeting next year

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

The Jammu and Kashmir administration has constituted a committee to coordinate with the delegates of G-20 countries scheduled to participate in a meeting to be held in the Union Territory (UT) next year.

In response to a communication from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary to the J&K government, has accorded sanction to the "constitution of a committee for overall coordination of G-20 meetings to be held in the Union Territory of J&K."

In an order, the government has decided that the Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development, will be the chairman of the five-member committee. The details of the meetings and the countries likely to participate, however, have not been made public so far.

The participation of the delegates from G-20 countries will be a major boost to the efforts of the Centre to project the situation in J&K as normal, after J&K's special constitutional position was ended in 2019.

THE HINDU CROSSWORD + 13592

(set by Karaoke)

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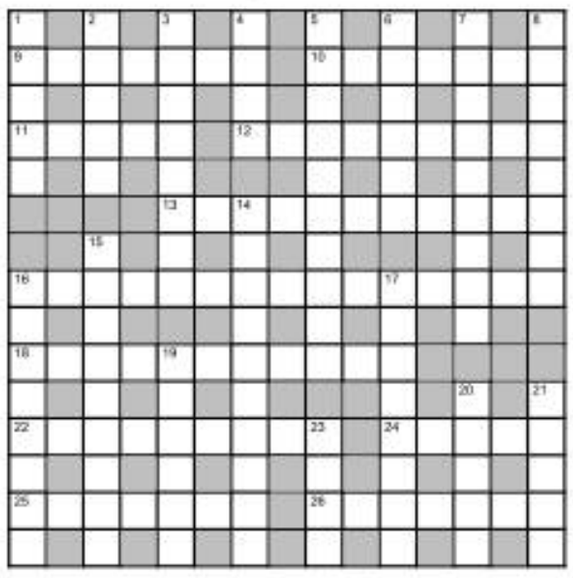

Across

9 Enjoyable but sadly real religious function! (7)
10 Nile's sketch (7)
11 Capital of Chad, Africa regularly in turmoil (5)
12 Promoter's move to bring President into challenge and win national trust (9)
13 Knight joins cabaret dance and sleeps occasionally in tents (11)
16 What one might do to invite trouble? (4,1,3,2,5)
18 Machine loaded with liquid methane – it provides hard protection to the crown (5,6)
22 Illegal taproom's utter piece of cake (9)
24 Greek character distributed heart at last (5)
25 Authority's right to seize cocaine near college borders (7)
26 Harry pushing armed helicopter (7)

Down

1 Meal provided on pitch (5)
2 Command staff come up on time (5)
3 Mix milk first, make a drink with cakes (5,3)
4 Work hard, there is no place for complacence essentially in climbing targets (4)
5 Can director enter into command area? (6,4)
6 Grades in combat art shows upheld (6)
7 It gives warning when company absorbs material damages essentially (4,5)
8 Adventists release authorised version of the Bible for patron saint's group (8)
14 Light bulb moments when dauntless side initially pockets a stunning win (10)
15 Fragrance from exotic oleander, off American church (9)
16 Lady driver finally jumped out of moving trolleybus in a stupid manner (8)
17 Spooner says "Valley secured, congratulations!" (4,4)
19 Marching greetings from the ruler (6)
20 The letter brings pleasing expression about record (5)
21 They are inclined to writing suspicious spam (5)
23 It helps gaining control over body and revives gone youth (4)

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Solution to puzzle 13591

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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3	8	5	2	7	9	4	6	1
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FAITH

Self always exists

The Upanishads, when engaged in explaining the esoteric truths about the Supreme Brahman, the jagat and the jiva, include dialogue, discussions, etc between preceptor and disciple. They use analogies and illustrations drawn from everyday life to show that Brahman is the sole cause of the creation. Brahman is both the material and instrumental cause of the phenomenal world of objects, animate and inanimate, and the different kinds of beings in it.

In the text Panchadasi, a work on Advaita Vedanta, the author Vidyaranya states that his aim is to teach the Supreme Truth in an easy and comprehensible manner to sincere seekers who have faith in the acharya's instructions. The method of instruction aims to inculcate in the disciple the skill to distinguish the real from the non-real, pointed out Sri R. Rajagopala Sarma in a discourse. The focus is to clearly understand that what is real and true and always exists; all else that is subject to change and evolution has only a temporary existence and is non-real. Describing Brahman, it is said, "He gives life to everything in creation by entering into each and every aspect of it. All that is, has its Self in Him alone. He is the truth. He is the subtle essence of all. He is the Self".

The core of all teaching is that the Self is the essence of pure consciousness; it is ever present awareness and is self luminous, The yogis steeped in meditation enjoy the bliss of the Self that is different from the mental stillness and the bliss of deep sleep. But a majority of us do not know the Self and its essential nature. Ignorance of self knowledge only leads to further births according to each one's past merits. The Self is not to be known by the weak, or by the thoughtless, or by those who do not meditate in the right manner.

Ukraine forced to cede Severodonetsk

Kyiv announced troops retreat from battleground city; says Russia is now advancing on Lysychansk

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
KYIV

Ukrainian forces will retreat from Severodonetsk after weeks of fierce fighting over the key city, a senior Ukrainian official said on Friday, in a major boost to Russia's goal of seizing a swathe of eastern Ukraine.

The announcement came shortly after the EU granted Ukraine candidate status in a show of support for the former Soviet republic, although there is still a long path ahead to membership.

"Despite the growing loss of personnel and equipment, Russians continue to outnumber the (Ukrainian) defence forces in artillery" in certain areas, Oleksandr Motuzyanyk, Ukraine's Defence Ministry spokesperson, told reporters on Friday. "This allows them to gain some tactical success," Mr. Motuzyanyk added.

The strategically important industrial hub of Severodonetsk has been the scene of weeks of street battles as the outgunned Ukrainians put up a stubborn defence.

Dark future: A Ukrainian serviceman looks at the ruins of the sports complex of the National Technical University in Kharkiv, Ukraine on Friday. • AP

But Sergiy Gaiday, the Governor of the Luhansk region which includes Severodonetsk, said that Ukrainian military forces in the city had received an order to withdraw. "Remaining in positions that have been relentlessly shelled for months just doesn't make sense," he said on Telegram, adding that 90% of the city had been damaged.

The Ukrainians had already been pushed back from much of the city, leaving them in control of only industrial areas.

"The Ukrainian Army is still in Severodonetsk, it will take them some time to retire," head of the city's military administration Roman Vlasenko told *Radio Svoboda*, the Prague-based Russian-language wing of the US-funded *Radio Free Europe*.

Capturing Severodonetsk and its twin city of Lysychansk would give the Russians control of Luhansk, and allow them to push further into the wider Donbas.

More advances

Mr. Gaiday said the Russians were now advancing on Lysychansk, which has been facing increasingly heavy Russian bombardment.

Andrei Marochko, a spokesperson for the Moscow-backed Army of Luhansk, said on Friday on Telegram that all the villages in the neighbouring areas of Zolote and Hirske were now under the control of Russian or pro-Russian forces.

In a video on Mr. Marochko's Telegram channel, a man in military clothing can be seen replacing the Ukrainian flag with the Zolote coat of arms with a red hammer-and-sickle flag. Russia's Defence Ministry said on Friday that up to 2,000 people were "completely blocked" near Zolote and Hirske, and that around half of Zolote was under Russian control.

In the southern Kherson region, a Moscow-appointed official was killed by an explosive device planted in his car, Russian news agencies reported. The Moscow-appointed deputy head of Kherson, Kirill Stremousov, said the regional head of the department of family, youth and sports had died "as a result of a terrorist act".

'Al Jazeera journalist killed by Israeli fire'

UN slams Israel for not initiating probe

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
GENEVA

The United Nations (UN) said on Friday that its findings showed that the shot that killed Al Jazeera TV journalist Shireen Abu Akleh on May 11 was fired by Israeli forces.

The Palestinian-American journalist, who was wearing a vest marked "Press" and a helmet, was killed on May 11 while covering an Israeli Army operation in Jenin camp in the northern West Bank.

"We find that the shots that killed Abu Akleh came from Israeli security forces," UN Human Rights Office spokesperson Ravina Shamdasani told reporters in Geneva.

"It is deeply disturbing that Israeli authorities have not conducted a criminal investigation. We at the UN Human Rights Office have concluded our independent monitoring into the incident. The shots that killed Abu Akleh and injured her colleague Ali Sammoudi came from Israeli security forces and not from indiscriminate firing by armed Palestinians, as initially claimed by Israeli authorities," she said. She added that the information came from the Israeli military and the Palestinian Attorney General. In line with its human rights monitoring methodology, the UN rights office inspected photo, video and audio material, visited the scene, consulted experts, reviewed official communications and interviewed witnesses.

Shireen Abu Akleh

Tories suffer byelection setback

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
CREDITON (U.K.)

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson Friday refused to bow to renewed demands to quit, after his Conservatives suffered two crushing defeats in Westminster elections and a staunch ally resigned.

In a pointed letter to Mr. Johnson, party chairman and cabinet member Oliver Dowden said "somebody" had to shoulder the blame for "recent events". That was widely seen as a reference to "Partygate" and other scandals dogging the Prime Minister, who only narrowly survived a no-confidence vote this month among Tory MPs.

But Mr. Johnson framed the election setbacks as mid-term blues for the Conservatives, as Britain contends with inflation reaching double-digit levels not seen since the 1970s. National strikes by railway workers this week have added to the sense of crisis.

UN chief warns of food shortage 'catastrophe'

'Ukraine war adds to the disruptions'

ASSOCIATED PRESS
BERLIN

The head of the United Nations warned on Friday that the world faces "catastrophe" because of the growing shortage of food around the globe.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said the war in Ukraine has added to the disruptions caused by climate change, the coronavirus pandemic and inequality to produce an "unprecedented global hunger crisis" already affecting hundreds of millions of people.

Mr. Guterres noted that harvests across Asia, Africa and the Americas will take a hit as farmers around the world struggle to cope with rising fertilizer and energy prices.

"This year's food access issues could become next year's global food shortage," he said. "No country will be immune to the social and economic repercussions of such a catastrophe."U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken insisted that Russia has no excuse for holding back vital goods from world markets.

Afghanistan seeks urgent medical aid

REUTERS
KABUL

Afghanistan does not have enough medical supplies to treat the injured from an earthquake that killed 1,000 people, a senior official said on Friday, as authorities ended the search for survivors in remote southeastern mountains.

About 2,000 people were injured and 10,000 houses were partially or completely destroyed in the early Wednesday earthquake, Mohammad Nassim Haqqani, a spokesperson for the Disaster Ministry, told *Reuters*.

How Melenchon orchestrated a Left surge

His NUPES coalition emerged as the second largest bloc in French House

G SAMPATH

NEWS ANALYSIS

After a long interregnum, the French Left seems to have finally got its act together. The left-wing coalition NUPES (New Social and Ecological People's Union) has won 131 seats in the 577-member National Assembly, second only to President Emmanuel Macron's ruling centrist coalition, which got 245 seats, way short of the 289-mark needed for an outright majority.

Much of the credit for the Left's improved performance goes go to 70-year-old veteran leftist leader Jean Luc Melenchon. In 2016, the former Trotskyist founded La France Insoumise (France Unbowed), a political party grounded in left-wing populism. With the centre-left socialists in terminal decline, and a neo-liberal regime coming to power under Mr. Macron, France's traditional base of left-leaning voters desperately needed a credible alternative. Mr. Melenchon filled that gap. In the 2017 Presidential race, he finished fourth with 18% of the vote, and improved on it further to finish third with 22% of the vote in the 2022 presidential polls, just a whisker behind the 23% polled by Marine Le Pen, who would go on to lose the run-off to Mr. Macron.

His strong showing in the 2022 presidential polls galvanised Mr. Melenchon to try and forge a united left front and make a pitch for Prime Ministership. He immediately set about negotiating with the communists, socialists and the Greens to back him as Prime Minister. He got them to agree to a common political programme – consisting of 650 policies – based on shared ideological commitments. Together, they managed to put together a coherent programme revolving around wealth redistribution, climate justice, and immigrant rights that was a distinct alternative to the pro-business agenda of Mr. Macron and the anti-immigrant politics of the far-right Ms. Le Pen.

The urban working classes and the immigrant population consolidated behind NUPES, so much so that, in the first round of the legislative polls, it polled a quarter of the votes – almost the same as Mr. Macron's Ensemble alliance. This prompted speculation that NUPES might even secure a majority.

Main objective

Indeed, Mr. Melenchon kept reiterating during his campaign that the main objective behind the formation of NUPES was to prevent Mr. Macron from retaining his majority and force him to appoint a leftist as Prime Minister to stop him from pushing through neoliberal 'reforms' such as raising the retirement age. However, far from getting a majority, NUPES actually did somewhat worse than expected – its tally of 131 was lower than the 140-150 projected by pollsters.

Two factors worked against it: Left-leaning voters were concentrated in a few geographical pockets, preventing a straightforward translation of a surge in vote share into a corresponding spike in seat share; also, in the second round, a significant chunk of right-wing and far-right voters opted to go with Mr. Macron's coalition rather than vote for a leftist candidate.

Nonetheless, functioning as a singular Parliamentary bloc does offer political advantages and opportunities to put the Macron government on the defensive. But Mr. Melenchon will have his hands full keeping his NUPES flock together for a full term.

U.S. House passes gun-safety legislation

REUTERS
WASHINGTON

The U.S. House of Representatives on Friday passed significant gun-safety legislation for the first time in three decades, sending it to President Joe Biden, who is expected to sign it into law.

The House voted 234-193 for the Bill, one day after a Supreme Court ruling broadly expanded gun rights. No Democrats opposed, while 14 Republicans backed the measure, a rare defeat for U.S. gun manufacturers and the National Rifle Association.

House action followed a late Thursday Senate vote of 65-33 to pass the Bill, with 15 Republicans, including Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, in favour.

Gun control has long been a divisive issue in the United States with multiple attempts to place new controls on gun sales failing time after time until Friday.

Passage of what some Democrats characterised as a modest, first-step Bill followed several recent mass murders.

Indonesian bar in soup for 'blasphemy'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
JAKARTA

A popular Indonesian bar chain is being investigated for blasphemy over a free alcohol promotion for patrons named Muhammed, the police said on Friday, after it sparked uproar in the world's largest Muslim-majority country.

Alcohol is considered forbidden under Islamic law and while drinking is not prohibited for any religion in the secular country's bars, the act itself is frowned upon by conservative Muslims.

In a now-deleted post, the Holywings bar offered a free bottle of gin for men named Muhammed and women named Maria – a popular figure in the Bible – every Thursday if they presented their ID cards.

At least two youth organisations have reported the chain for religious blasphemy, a crime that carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison under Indonesian law, Jakarta police said.

Authorities launched an investigation into the bar's promotion and warned the public not to raid any of the chain's premises, police spokesperson Endra Zulpan said at a press conference on Friday.

The business was forced to issue an apology.

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The Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructures, (East Division), BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible contractors for the work detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1.	Resurfacing of Suranjandas Road from Old Airport Road to Jeevan Bheema Nagar.	224.94	3.37 (as per E-procurement Norms)

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka from: **30-06-2022.** (2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **4:00 p.m. on 14-07-2022** and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines. (3) Pre Tender Meeting will be held on **07-07-2022 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Road Infrastructure, 4th Floor, Annex Building-3, BBMP Office, Benglauru-02. (4) Technical Bids will be opened on : **14-07-202 after 4:30 p.m.** Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

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2.	Sr. Manager (Security) E-4 grade	67,700/- to 2,08,700/-	Rs.91,100/-	UR - 02	Not above 40 years
3.	Manager (Security) E-3 grade	67,700/- to 2,08,700/-	Rs.78,500/-	UR - 05 (1-Woman)	Not above 38 years
MEDICAL CADRE					
4.	Medical Officer - III E-2 grade	67,700/- to 2,08,700/-	Rs.67,700/-	UR - 02 (1-Woman)	Not above 38 years
	Total			UR - 10 (2-Women)	

Interested eligible candidates are advised to download the application format from OMC website: **http://omcltd.in** and submit the same duly filled in & signed along with attested copies fo Certificates, Mark sheets, Experience Certificate etc. in support of their eligibility by **Speed Post / Courier** in a cover superscribed "APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF _____" so as to reach the **General Manager (P&A),** Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd., OMC House, Bhubaneswar-751001 by **16.07.2022** positively. Applications received after the last date due to delay in **postal / courier** or any other reason shall not be entertained and will be rejected.

OMC Management reserves the right to cancel, amend or alter the above advertisement without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
General Manager (P&A)

CAD-929 OIPR-30035/11/0066/2223

Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMC)
In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar-751 001
Tel.:(0674) 2380608; Website: www.osmcl.nic.in
Assuring Quality, Saving Lives Email: proc.osmcl.od@nic.in

Notification No. 4355/OSMCL/2022 Date : 23.06.2022

NOTICE INVITING RE TENDER FOR "SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF RADIOTHERAPY QA EQUIPMENT"

Online Bids through **e-Tender portal (https://tendersodisha.gov.in)** are invited from eligible bidders for **supply, installation & commissioning of Equipments as per the particulars mentioned below:**

Sl.	Bid Reference No.	Item Name	Bid Document Cost inclusive of GST
1.	OSMCL/2022-23/EQP-RADIOTHERAPY QA-AHPGIC/02	Retender for Supply & Installation of RADIOTHERAPY QA EQUIPMENT	Rs.5,600/-

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time	
1.	Date & time of release of bid	24/06/2022, 3 PM	
2.	Date & time of Pre-bid meeting	30/06/2022, 11.00 AM Venue : Conference Hall, Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd., In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar	
3.	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time 06/07/2022, 3 PM	End Date & Time 21/07/2022, 5 PM
4.	Date & time of online Technical Bid Opening	25/07/2022, 3 PM	
5.	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders	

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: **www.osmcl.nic.in** and **https://tendersodisha.gov.in** . The Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

Managing Director, OSMC Ltd., Odisha

CAD-923 OIPR-10112/11/0023/2223

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
INVITATION OF BIDS – ITEM WAR (Two Cover System) E Submission

IFB No.	22 & 23 / F. Retro (CUD) / DO-2/ CE/ VLR/ 2022/ Dt : 23.06.2022 (second Call)
Eligibility	Registered Class I Contractors (Civil)
Tender invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Vellore – 632 006.
Downloading Period of Bid document	29.06.2022 to 13.07.2022 upto 17.45 Hours (as per server time)
Available Website	E-Tendering Website www.tntenders.gov.in
EMD Payable at	Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, RWS Division, Cuddalore
Pre Bid Meeting	07.07.2022 at 11.00 Hours at Office of the Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Vellore – 632 006.
Bid Submission	14.07.2022 upto 15.00 Hours Digitally signed encrypted Tenders through E-Tendering website www.tntenders.gov.in.
Bid Opening	15.07.2022 at 15.30 Hours at the Office of the Tender Invitee through E-Tendering website.

IFB No.	Name of work	Approximate value of work (Rs.in Crore including 12% GST)	Bid Security (Rs.in lakhs)
	Retrofitting for the following CWSS in Cuddalore District under JJM 2021-22		
22	CWSS to 54 Quality Affected Habitations and 67 way side habitations in Kumaratchi and Parangipettai Union (Construction period: 9 months and Free Maintenance: 3 months).	16.70	12.60
23	CWSS to 33 Quality Affected Habitations and 20 way side habitations in Kumaratchi Union (Construction period: 9 months and Free Maintenance: 3 months).	11.20	8.50

DIPR/ 3001 /TENDER/2022 Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Vellore-6.

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MARKET WATCH

	24-06-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	52,728	0.88
US Dollar	78.33	-0.01
Gold	50,557	-0.31
Brent oil	113.5	2.70

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	686.40	11.10
Apollo Hosp	3838.40	-12.10
Asian Paints	2760.90	2.70
Axis Bank	634.00	4.65
Bajaj Auto	3813.35	28.55
Bajaj Finserv	11582.95	30.10
Bajaj Finance	5587.75	139.60
Bharti Airtel	671.20	11.00
BPCL	307.55	-0.35
Britannia Ind	3469.35	57.90
Cipla	933.70	0.35
Coal India	176.55	-0.60
Divis Lab	3681.00	14.70
Dr Reddys Lab	4309.65	14.75
Eicher Motors	2877.90	58.85
Grasim Ind	1323.25	7.20
HCL Tech	966.70	-4.55
HDFC	2189.00	24.80
HDFC Bank	1353.80	18.65
HDFC Life	561.45	3.35
Hero MotoCorp	2759.95	85.85
Hindalco	322.30	4.70
Hind Unilever	2303.90	51.30
ICICI Bank	713.45	14.30
Indusind Bank	806.50	21.55
Infosys	1441.10	-11.35
ITC	265.85	0.35
JSW Steel	567.80	8.85
Kotak Bank	1698.40	14.10
L&T	1494.85	0.55
M&M	1072.05	44.35
Maruti Suzuki	8363.20	92.20
Nestle India Ltd.	17231.65	255.15
NTPC	136.60	0.10
ONGC	137.35	2.55
PowerGrid Corp	208.95	0.40
Reliance Ind	2500.05	35.10
SBI Life	1078.55	4.70
State Bank	454.25	2.85
Shree Cement	18793.65	260.05
Sun Pharma	824.60	-0.30
Tata Consumer Products Ltd.	729.00	10.55
Tata Motors	409.30	2.10
Tata Steel	852.85	11.55
TCS	3293.10	-15.70
Tech Mahindra	981.20	-9.90
Titan	2045.60	4.20
UltraTech Cement	5468.30	58.00
UPL	640.85	7.65
Wipro	418.75	-0.30

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on June 24

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	78.15	78.47
Euro	82.39	82.73
British Pound	96.14	96.54
Japanese Yen (100)	57.85	58.09
Chinese Yuan	11.67	11.72
Swiss Franc	81.61	81.98
Singapore Dollar	56.28	56.52
Canadian Dollar	60.26	60.53
Malaysian Ringitt	17.74	17.83
Australian Dollar	54.01	54.24

Source: Indian Bank

IOC expects oil prices to stay above $100 barrel

NEW DELHI

An Indian Oil executive said on Friday he expects oil prices to hold above $100 per barrel for the rest of 2022 amid the Ukraine crisis. REUTERS

Will guard rupee's stability: RBI's Patra

'We are in the market, we will not allow jerky movements; reserves are adequate, there for a rainy day'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will not allow 'disorderly' movements in the rupee and do its best to manage the ripple effects of the extraordinary storm brewing in the world economy, the deputy governor Michael D. Patra said, hours before the rupee closed at a fresh low of 78.33 to the dollar on Friday.

Emphasising that India's strong foreign exchange reserves of about $600 billion had ensured that the currency's depreciation against the dollar had been 'one of the least in the world', Dr. Patra said neither the U.S. Federal Reserve nor the RBI knew where the dollar or rupee would end up.

"But be sure of one thing, we will stand for its stability and we're doing it on an ongoing basis... we are there in the market, we will not allow disorderly movements in the rupee. We have no level in our mind, but we will not allow jerky movements," Dr. Patra stressed.

Inflation battle: If monetary policy does not work at this time, there will be runaway inflation, cautions Patra. • PAUL NORONHA

Responding to a query on the reasons for the dollar's relentless appreciation against the rupee, the RBI deputy governor said there was currently a shortage of dollars in the market due to foreign portfolio investors pulling out funds from the stock and debt markets.

"Our reserves are adequate at $600 billion... they are for a rainy day when the going gets tough and there is no other supply of dollars," he noted, stressing that the RBI was meeting the dollar shortage through these reserves on a daily basis.

"But please bear in mind that the world we live in is an extraordinary one, where the spillovers are overwhelming," he said. "The conflict in Russia, which has taken off wheat, nickel, even inert gases like neon, from the market... this is too overwhelming just as the pandemic, which keeps recurring in waves," he cautioned.

"No national authority can give an assurance that we will manage things. But we will do the best we can...We will fling our breast at the storm," Dr. Patra said at a meet on 'Geopolitical Spillovers and the Indian Economy' hosted by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

'Inflation genie'

The RBI deputy governor also underlined the need to keep the 'inflation genie in the bottle' even though 'the price of price stability is loss of growth'.

"If monetary policy does not work at this time, there will be runaway inflation, as happened in 2009-13," he cautioned. "We don't want to go there... India was one of the fragile five in 2013, because inflation rendered our external accounts unviable," Dr. Patra pointed out.

Oil set for second weekly drop on recession fears

Tight supply shaded by economy view

REUTERS
LONDON

Oil prices slid on Friday and were heading for a second weekly fall, as tight supply was overshadowed by concern that rising interest rates could push the world economy into recession.

U.S. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said on Thursday the central bank's focus on curbing inflation was "unconditional," adding to fears about more interest rate increases.

Stephen Brennock of oil broker PVM said recession fears dominated sentiment, adding: "The consensus remains that the oil market will see high demand and tight supply over the summer months, thereby limiting the downside."

Jerome Powell

Brent crude fell 8 cents, or 0.1%, to $109.97 a barrel by 0815 GMT. The benchmark was heading for its second weekly decline.

"Increasing recession fears appear to be prompting a culling of heavy speculative long positioning... even as in the real world, energy tightness is as real as ever," said Jeffrey Halley, analyst at OANDA.

DRL buys Eton products for $50 mn

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

Dr. Reddy's Laboratories (DRL) has acquired a portfolio of branded and generic injectable products from Illinois-based Eton Pharmaceuticals Inc. for about $50 million.

The portfolio includes Biorphen (phenylephrine hydrocholoride) injection and Rezipres (ephedrine hydrochloride) injection NDAs with nine separate combinations of strengths and presentations, and one first-to-file approved ANDA for cysteine hydrochloride for the U.S.

Under the agreement, Dr. Reddy's will be making an upfront payment of about $5 million in cash plus contingent payments of up to $45 million.

Gadkari approves draft car-safety scheme

Country to have its own star ratings

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari on Thursday approved a draft notification that paves the way for the country to have its own crash-linked safety performance star rating system for cars.

The five star-rating system under the Bharat New Car Assessment Programme (Bharat - NCAP) would assign cars between one to five stars based on how well they perform in crash tests with zero star indicating lowest safety standards.

The overall assessment is based on the vehicle's performance under three categories – adult, child-occupant protection and safety-assist technologies.

Nitin Gadkari

The assessment would be conducted at a higher crash -test speed of 64 kmph compared with 56 kmph required for type rating. The scheme is not mandatory for manufacturers and models would be selected on the basis of their popularity.

When a vehicle is selected based on its popularity, the base model would be selected and tested for rating.

Zomato to buy Blinkit in ₹4,447-cr. deal

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Online food delivery platform Zomato Ltd. on Friday said it will acquire Blink Commerce Pvt. Ltd. (formerly known as Grofers) for ₹4,447.48 crore in a share-swap deal as part of its strategy of investing in quick commerce business.

The company's board, at a meeting held on Friday, had approved the acquisition of up to 33,018 equity shares of Blink Commerce Pvt. Ltd. from its shareholders for a total purchase consideration of ₹4,447.48 crore at a price of ₹13.45 lakh per equity share, Zomato said in a filing.

Blink Commerce Pvt. Ltd. (BCPL) runs the online quick commerce service under the Blinkit brand.

Toyota, Suzuki to make hybrid vehicles in India

SUVs to be sold locally, also exported

REUTERS
NEW DELHI

Toyota Motor Corp. and Suzuki Motor Corp. on Friday said they would begin production of hybrid vehicles in India, a category that Toyota has said is currently best suited to such markets.

A Toyota plant in southern India would in August begin building a hybrid sport utility vehicle (SUV) developed by Suzuki, the companies said.

Two power trains would be available, they said: one with a mild hybrid configuration from Suzuki and the other as a strong hybrid from Toyota. In a mild hybrid, the battery only assists the piston engine, without the all-electric mode available in a strong hybrid.

Building the model is part of a broader partnership formed between the two Japanese automakers in 2017.

The vehicle will be sold in India and exported to markets including Africa.

The new SUV, which has not been named, will be marketed as both a Toyota and a Suzuki, each company relying on its local affiliate to do so, the two automakers said in their joint statement.

RBI extends date for card tokenisation

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India has extended the card-on-file tokenisation deadline by three months to September 30, given various representations received from industry bodies.

Card-on-file, or CoF, refers to card information stored by payment gateway and merchants to process future transactions.

The earlier deadline was expiring on June 30.

In a circular, the RBI said the industry stakeholders have highlighted some issues. "These issues are being dealt with in consultation with the stakeholders," it said while extending the timeline of June 30 by three more months to September 30.

SPORT

LIVE TELECAST

Ranji Trophy Final: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
Sri Lanka Women v India Women: 2nd T20I, FanCode, 2 p.m.
FIH Pro League: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 3 p.m., 5.30 p.m. & 8 p.m.
TNPL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 3.15 p.m. & 7.30 p.m.
England vs New Zealand: 3rd Test, Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 3.30 p.m.
West Indies vs Bangladesh: 2nd Test, FanCode, 7.30 p.m.
Squash: World Championships, Sports-18 & Voot Select, 10.30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

DP World Tour bans and fines LIV Golf 'rebels'

LONDON

The DP World Tour on Friday banned members who played in the inaugural Saudi-funded LIV Golf Invitational Series event from three tournaments and fined them £100,000 each. AFP

O'Callaghan is latest in the teen brigade

18-year-old becomes youngest women's 100m freestyle champion since 1991

SWIMMING

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BUDAPEST

Australian 18-year-old Mollie O'Callaghan overcame "panic" to edge world record-holder Sarah Sjostrom and become the youngest women's 100m freestyle world champion in more than 30 years on Thursday.

Lilly King added to her collection of gold medals when she won the women's 200m breaststroke while another American veteran Ryan Murphy won the men's 200m backstroke.

Australian Zac Stubblety-Cook took the men's 200m breaststroke and the American men finished the evening by winning the men's 200m relay.

O'Callaghan, a double Olympic relay gold medal-

Did I do that?! Mollie O'Callaghan cannot believe she's just won gold. • GETTY IMAGES

list, edged the 28-year-old Sjostrom of Sweden by 0.13s. American Torri Huske took bronze.

At 18 years and 82 days, she became the youngest winner of the 100m freestyle since 1991, when Nicole Haislett of the United States won the title at 18 years and 22 days.

O'Callaghan said she had suffered badly from pre-race nerves.

"It was bad, the worst ever," she said. "I was panicking in my bed, having a little bit of a cramp in my leg, just feeling dizzy, feeling out of it, starting to panic, but I knew I had my teammates there... I guess that kind of uplifted me for the race."

It was Sjostrom's 16th World championship medal but while she has eight golds, she has never won the 100m freestyle. This was her fourth silver. She also has world championship and Olympic bronzes in the race.

The results: Men: 200m backstroke: 1. Ryan Murphy (USA) 1:54.52s; 2. Luke Greenbank (GBR) 1:55.16s; 3. Shaine Casas (USA) 1:55.35s.

200m breaststroke: 1. Zac Stubblety-Cook (Aus) 2:07.07s; 2. Yu Hanaguruma (Jpn) & Erik Persson (Swe) 2:08.38s.

4x200m relay: 1. USA 7:00.24s; 2. Australia 7:03.50s; 3. Great Britain 7:04.00s.

Women: 100m freestyle : 1. Mollie O'Callaghan (Aus) 52.67s; 2. Sarah Sjostrom (Swe) 52.80s; 3. Torri Huske (USA) 52.92s.

200m breaststroke: 1. Lilly King (USA) 2:22.41s; 2. Jenna Strauch (Aus) 2:23.04s; 3. Kate Douglass (USA) 2:23.20s.

SNAPSHOTS

Anseesh and Srihari swim to gold

SINGAPORE: Aneesh Gowda (200m free) and Srihari Nataraj (50m back) won gold in the Singapore National swimming championships here on Friday.

The results (Indian medallists only): Men: 200m freestyle: 1. Aneesh Gowda (1:52.47s). **4 x 100m freestyle relay:** 2. Dolphin Aquatics (Srihari Nataraj, A.S. Anand, D. Adithya, Rama Rao Sambhavv, 3:26.82s). **50m backstroke:** 1. Srihari Nataraj (25.69s). **400m ind. medley:** 2. Aneesh Gowda (4:37.18s).
Women: 50m backstroke: 2. Suvana Baskar (29.82s).

Compound archery gets Olympics push

KOLKATA: World Archery (WA) on Friday decided to propose compound archery for inclusion in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. WA took the decision on the 50th anniversary of archery's return to the Olympics.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) will assess the proposal before taking a final decision on compound, which is practised with a mechanised bow.

Prarthana in doubles final

PROKUPLJE (SERBIA): Prarthana Thombare and Zhibek Kulambayeva of Kazakhstan beat Ilona Georgiana Ghioroaie and Angelica Moratelli 6-1, 6-4 to make the doubles final of the $25,000 ITF women's tennis tournament in Prokuplje, Serbia, on Friday.

In the $15,000 men's event in Thailand, Rishi Reddy and Parikshit Somani beat second seeds Taisei Ichikawa and Naoki Tajima of Japan 4-6, 6-3, [12-10] in the semifinals.

Other results: $15,000 ITF, Chiang Rai, Thailand: Women: Doubles (semifinals): Chompoothip Jundakate & Tamachan Momkoonthod (Tha) bt Xun Fang Ying (Chn) & Ashmitha Easwaramurthi 6-3, 5-7, [10-8].
$15,000 ITF men, South Bend, USA: Singles (first round): Shuichi Sekiguchi (Jpn) bt Aditya Vashistha 7-5, 6-2.
Doubles (quarterfinals): James Kent Trotter (Jpn) & Siddhant Banthia bt Johannus Monday (GBR) & Adam Walton (Aus) 6-3, 3-6, [10-5].

Gill clocks fastest time in shakedown

NAIROBI: Gaurav Gill returned to the WRC-2 category and kicked off the Safari Rally Kenya by clocking the fastest time in shakedown in his Skoda Fabia Rally2.

Gill showcased his driving prowess and control on the machine in SS1- Super Special Kasarani by clocking the fastest timing of 3:32.9s, just 14.1s off leader Ogier driving a works Toyota in WRC-1.

Zuccarelli primed to deliver in feature

BENGALURU: Zuccarelli, who has been well prepared, is expected to score in the Chief Justice's Cup (1,800m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Saturday (June 25). False rails (width about 2m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 XISCA PLATE (DIV. II), (1,400m), rated 00 to 25, 2-30 p.m.: 1. Sekhmet (5) Khurshad 61, 2. Benignity (4) Vishal B 60, 3. Handsome Rocky (3) Rajesh K 59, 4. Jersey Legend (7) Salman K 58.5, 5. Love (6) M. Naveen 58, 6. Altamonte (2) Darshan 57.5, 7. Fierce Fighter (8) T.S. Jodha 54.5 and 8. Ultimate Power (1) G. Vivek 53.5.
1. ALTAMONTE, 2. HANDSOME ROCKY, 3. FIERCE FIGHTER

2 ADLER PLATE (DIV. II), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 3-00: 1. Elusive Girl (1) Arshad 60, 2. Alexis Zorba (3) Likith 58.5, 3. Sacrament (10) Sandesh 58, 4. Wonder Wench (6) Rayan 57.5, 5. Brooklyn Supreme (9) Ashhad A 56, 6. Christopher Wren (7) Vishal B 55.5, 7. Stunning Beauty (8) Arvind K 55, 8. Air Display (2) Siddaraju 54.5, 9. Capri Girl (4) Akshay K 54.5 and 10. Defining Power (5) Rajesh K 54.5.
1. SACRAMENT, 2. CAPRI GIRL, 3. ALEXIS ZORBA

3 V.T. VELU MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,600m), rated 40 to 65, 3-30: 1. Karanveer (8) Ajinkya 60, 2. Prince Abir (5) Trevor 59, 3. Etosha (2) Zervan 58, 4. Keystone (1) K. Nazil 54, 5. Capable (7) Siddaraju 53, 6. Vanguard (3) P.P. Dhebe 52.5, 7. Ashwa Yudhvir (6) Yash 51.5 and 8. Grey Channel (4) Arshad 51.5.
1. ETOSHA, 2. PRINCE ABIR, 3. KEYSTONE

4 CHIEF JUSTICE'S CUP (1,800m), 4-y-o & over, 4-00: 1. Theon (3) P.S. Chouhan 60.5, 2. Zuccarelli (6) Trevor 59, 3. Faith Of Success (5) C.S. Jodha 56, 4. Giant Star (4) Yash 54, 5. Chopin (1) R Oliver 52.5 and 6. Speedster (2) Akshay K 51.5.
1. ZUCCARELLI, 2. THEON

5 EVERYNSKY PLATE (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 4-30: 1. Balor (7) R Oliver 56, 2. Fortunatus (8) Sandesh 56, 3. Inexhaustible (5) Dhanu S 56, 4. Magnanimous (4) Bhawani S 56, 5. Roman Power (1) Trevor 56, 6. Sicily (9) Zervan 56, 7. Pleroma (2) Akshay K 54.5, 8. Queen Envied (6) Anjar 54.5 and 9. Queenstown (3) Dashrath S 54.5.
1. FORTUNATUS, 2. QUEENSTOWN, 3. ROMAN POWER

6 ADLER PLATE (DIV. I), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 5-00: 1. Cameleons Image (3) Chetan G 62.5, 2. Silverita (7) S. John 62.5, 3. Almanach (1) P. Surya 61.5, 4. Divine Ray (5) R Oliver 60.5, 5. Own Legacy (2) Trevor 59.5, 6. In A Breeze (4) Likith 59, 7. Aferpi (6) Rajesh K 57, 8. Copper Sunrise (8) S. Shareef 56, 9. Sensational Grey (9) S. Saqlain 54.5 and 10. Eco Friendly (10) Ajeet K 53.5.
1. DIVINE RAY, 2. SILVERITA, 3. OWN LEGACY

7 XISCA PLATE (DIV. I), (1,400m), rated 00 to 25, 5-30: 1. Able One (7) Arshad 62.5, 2. Elite Agent (4) Rajesh K 62.5, 3. Mark One (9) Ajinkya 62.5, 4. Toronero (1) L.A. Rozario 62.5, 5. Extraordinary (5) Arvind K 61.5, 6. The King N I (6) Ashhad A 61.5, 7. Regal Melody (2) Vishal B 61, 8. Dreams Ahead (3) S. Mubarak 59.5 and 9. Zhu Zhu Zest (8) Darshan 55.5.
1. MARK ONE, 2. ABLE ONE, 3. EXTRAORDINARY

Day's best: **DIVINE RAY**
Double: **ZUCCARELLI – FORTUNATUS**
Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Prithviraj excels for Social Cricketers

Prithviraj's all-round effort (5/12, 4/38 & 107) helped Social Cricketers secure the first-innings lead in a drawn KSCA (Group I) first division league encounter against Rajajinagar Cricketers.

The scores: Friends Union CC (1) 204 in 46 overs (Lochan S.Gowda 55, S.A. Rishi Bopanna 41, I.G. Anil 30 n.o., Aditya Goyal 3/32) drew with BUCC (1) 254/6 in 58.4 overs (Rohan Kadam 37, Tushar Singh 28, Liyan Khan 116 n.o.).

Chintamani SA 102 in 42.2 overs (Faizaan Sidiq 26, Mir Kaunain Abbas 32, Aditya Somanna 3/17, Sheetal Kumar 4/12) & 105/9 in 48 overs (Abdul Majid 32, Sheetal Kumar 3/35, G.L. Yashas 3/20, Muthahir 3/26) drew with Mount Joy CC 244 in 71.3 overs (Rohan Nayakar 35, B.R. Sharath 25, Sagar Solanki 86, Aditya Somanna 46, Abhishek Prabhakar 4/54).

Modern CC 393/8 in 90 overs (Mohammed Aqib Jawad 107, Milind Ramesh 141, Aneeshwar Gautam 40, Rahul Vernekar 41, B.M. Shreyas 4/92) drew with Cambridge CC 457/5 in decl. in 76.3 overs (Macneil H.Noronha 206, Rajkumar 36, Vinay N.Sagar 45, Shubhang Hegde 46, Lochan Appanna 101 n.o.).

Rajajinagar Cricketers 92 in 40.5 overs (Melu Kranthi Kumar 47 n.o., Prithviraj 5/12) & 235/9 in 58 overs (Melu Kranthi Kumar 30, S. Shivaraj 87, N. Rohan 39 n.o., Prithviraj 4/38) drew with Social Cricketers 287 in 69.5 overs (Prithviraj 107, V. Vyshak 98, H.S. Sharath 5/59).

Vultures CC 186 in 47.5 overs (K.L. Shrijith 54, J. Suchith 39, Abhimanyu Mithun 42, Suraj S.Kamath 3/40, S. Suraj 3/40) drew with Sir Syed Cricketers 248/2 in 41 overs (A. Rohan Patil 44, S.J. Nikin Jose 103 n.o., Luvnith Sisodia 101 n.o.).

Moinuddin stars in Hanumanthnagar's win

Syed Khaja Moinuddin's six-wicket haul (6/27) was instrumental in Hanumanthnagar CC's seven-wicket win over Hammonds CC in the KSCA (Group I) third division league tournament.

The scores: Hammonds CC 109 in 35.2 overs (K. Nagendra 37, Syed Khaja Moinuddin 6/27) lost to Hanumanthnagar CC 112/3 in 29.4 overs (Pavan 50 n.o.).

Cavaliers CC 107 in 33.2 overs (Hardik R.Suvarna 27, Prasanna Patilkulkarni 3/8) lost to Visweswarapuram CC (1) 106/5 in 22 overs (Nithin Gopalakrishna 41 n.o.).

Visweswarapuram CC (2) 110 in 39.3 overs (R. Shishir 34, K.H. Manoj 4/30) lost to Century Cricketers 111/7 in 25.3 overs (Amit Verma 33 n.o.).

Engrades CC 143 in 31.5 overs (S. Ramanji 36 n.o., Shikhar Shetty 4/43, Md Azharuddin 3/22) lost to Jolly Cricketers 144/4 in 31.4 overs (Aarav Mahesh 31 n.o., Vivekananda Hiremath 42).

Dooravani Cricketers (1) 193/7 in 34 overs (K. Anil 73, Sourabh Manohar Naik 30 n.o., Jay Desai 4/48) bt Malleswaram Gymkhana 212 in 32.1 overs (Gyan Somaiah 74, Jay Desai 37, B. Harsha 4/26, B. Vineeth 3/33) [Match revised to 34 over per side because of wet outfield].

Kalaburagi holds Hassan, make next round

A late penalty from Md. Rehan Khan helped Kalaburagi secure a 2-2 draw against Hassan in the KSFA inter-district football tournament at the Bangalore Football Stadium on Friday.

Kalaburagi was the dominant side in a goalless first half, but it was Hassan which opened the scoring through Mani in the 51st minute. Kalburgi made it 1-1 in the 58th minute through captain Mirza Safdar Baig's curled strike.

Hassan re-established its lead after forward Charles made it 2-1 in the 66th minute. The hard work was undone when Hassan gave away a penalty in the last minute, which was scored by Rehan after a retake. Kalaburgi qualified for the next round as winners via a coin toss.

The result: Kalaburagi 2 (Mirza Safdar Baig 58, Md. Rehan Khan 70+1) drew with Hassan 2 (Mani 51, Charles 66).

MBG-BGE

Ton-up duo Yash Dubey and Shubham Sharma puts MP on top

The batters blunt the Mumbai attack and propel their team to just six runs short of the rival's first-innings score with seven wickets intact; Patidar unbeaten on 67

RANJI FINAL

K.C. VIJAYA KUMAR
BENGALURU

The sun finally shed its monsoon-induced diffidence and was out in all its glory at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Friday and the brightness-quotient multiplied as Yash Dubey and Shubham Sharma lent their share of luminescence. The centurions and their 222-run second-wicket partnership helped Madhya Pradesh strike a dominant note against Mumbai in the Ranji Trophy final.

At the third day's close, Madhya Pradesh posted 368 for three in its first innings and needs a mere seven to surpass Mumbai's 374 while a busy Rajat Patidar and skipper Aditya Shrivastava remain at the crease.

Earlier, resuming at the overnight 123 for one, Madhya Pradesh relished the assurance that radiated from Dubey (133, 336b, 14x4) and Sharma (116, 215b, 15x4, 1x6). Mohit Avasthi attempted a yorker, Dubey dug it out and, in the same first over, steered a four. And through the day this pattern was replicated; if any Mumbai bowler beat the bat or let out a ear-splitting lbw appeal, the riposte would be a four!

Mumbai skipper Prithvi Shaw's plans of stifling Dubey and Sharma, came to nought. Sharma essayed two drives for four off Tushar Deshpande and soon it became a tale of fluid runs. Mumbai fielders perhaps crossed a line while sledging and umpire K.N. Ananthapadmanabhan had a word with Shaw.

The shared pursuit of team glory and individual milestones powered Dubey and Sharma as they reached their respective fifties. Mumbai had a chance when Sharma on 55 chipped one towards short-cover and Armaan Jaffer failed to latch on. There was a minor scare when Dhawal Kulkarni's short-pitched delivery struck Dubey on his helmet.

Day's stars: Yash and Shubham put on 222 runs for the second wicket, much to the chagrin of the Mumbai camp. • K. MURALI KUMAR

The batter remained unruffled, the bowler gestured an apology and a few overs later, Dubey straight drove Kulkarni for four.

When spinners Shams Mulani and Tanush Kotian raised the odd query, the former was hoisted for six and the latter struck for four as Sharma shifted gears. Dubey added his bit after surviving an lbw appeal from Kotian, slamming the spinner past the ropes. The 100 was etched once Dubey swept Kotian and Madhya Pradesh was sitting pretty at lunch with 228 for one.

On resumption, it was Sharma's turn. The second new-ball made no impact and with a cover-drive, Sharma reached his ton. He then streaked some fours, survived a needless appeal for caught behind, but Avasthi, the aggrieved bowler, soon found the edge. Madhya Pradesh was 269 for two and the spectators applauded Sharma and vociferously cheered the next man Patidar due to the Royal Challengers Bangalore-connect.

The batter exuded a T20-vibe, striking fours at will without sacrificing his aesthetics. And with Dubey continuing to hold firm, Madhya Pradesh was on 301 for two at tea.

In the last session, Patidar was caught on 52 but off a Mulani no-ball, and Mumbai's cup of woes brimmed.

Eventually, Dubey snicked Mulani and Mumbai fielders graciously patted the batter. Madhya Pradesh is ahead in the summit clash and should stay that way unless Saturday throws up some surprises.

The scores:

Mumbai — 1st innings: 374 in 127.4 overs.

Madhya Pradesh — 1st innings: Yash Dubey c Hardik Tamore b Mulani 133 (*336b, 14x4*), Himanshu Mantri lbw b Deshpande 31 (*50b, 3x4, 2x6*), Shubham Sharma c Tamore b Avasthi 116 (*215b, 15x4, 1x6*), Rajat Patidar (batting) 67 (*106b, 13x4*), Aditya Shrivastava (batting) 11 (*33b, 1x4*); Extras (b-6, lb-1, nb-2, w-1): 10; Total (for three wkts. in 123 overs): 368.

Fall of wickets: 1-47 (Mantri, 16.3 overs), 2-269 (Sharma, 89.4), 3-341 (Dubey, 111.5).

Mumbai bowling: Dhawal Kulkarni 21-3-51-0, Tushar Deshpande 24-8-73-1, Shams Mulani 40-4-117-1, Mohit Avasthi 20-5-53-1, Tanush Kotian 18-1-67-0.

Harmanpreet & Co. look to seal series

Top-order needs to put up an improved performance

INDIA IN SL

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
DAMBULLA

Eyeing a series-clinching victory, the Indian women's cricket team would expect a better showing from its top-order when it takes on Sri Lanka in the second T20 International, here on Saturday.

The Indians made a positive start to the limited-overs tour of the Island nation with a 34-run win in the opener on Thursday.

Target CWG

The team would not only aim to secure the three-match series but also address grey areas and continue the winning momentum ahead of the Birmingham Commonwealth Games, where women's cricket will make its debut in the T20 format.

Shafali will look to convert the starts. • SRI LANKA CRICKET

On Thursday, India managed a modest 138 for six after opting to bat before the bowlers, led by left-arm spinner Radha Yadav, choked the Lankan batters. But India's batting show left a lot to be desired in the first game.

Shafali Verma, who made a run-a-ball 31, skipper Harmanpreet Kaur (22) and Richa Ghosh (11) all got starts but could not convert them into substantial knocks.

Having failed in the previous game, Harmanpreet will be hoping to eclipse the legendary Mithali Raj in the shortest format. She needs just 24 runs to become the highest run-getter from India in this format.

Mithali had scored 2,364 runs from 89 games.

Sri Lanka too would be hoping for a better effort from their batters.

Middle-order batter Kavisha Dilhari (47 not out) failed to get support. The likes of skipper Chamari Athapaththu, Vishmi Gunaratne, Harshitha Madavi and Nilakshi de Silva will have to take more responsibility in the batting unit.

Match starts at 2 p.m.

Pant delights with an attractive knock

His half-century helps Leicestershire keep pace with the Indians' score

INDIA IN ENGLAND

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
LEICESTER

Rishabh Pant decided to shine in the west after his woes in the sub-continent, by batting in his signature attacking manner to hog the limelight on the second day of the warm-up match between India and Leicestershire here on Friday.

One among four India players to turn out for the English county side, Pant hit his way to an entertaining 76 off 87 balls at Grace Road to help the host score 244. During his 154-minute stay in the middle, Pant entertained the crowd with 14 boundaries and a six.

The Indians were 80 for one in their second knock at stumps with Srikar Bharat (31 batting) and Shubman Gill (38) adding 62 runs for the first wicket.

Hitting out: Pant took a liking to the Indians' attack. • TWITTER/LEICSCCC

Earlier, responding to India's 246 for eight declared, Leicestershire was primed to take a sizable lead when Pant was in his element.

But the possibility died down with the swashbuckling wicketkeeper-batter's dismissal, thanks to a good catch by Shreyas Iyer.

Shami and Jadeja helped themselves to three wickets each.

The scores:

Indians — 1st innings: 246 for eight decl.

Leicestershire — 1st innings: Louis Kimber c Bharat b Siraj 31, Sam Evans c Kohli b Mohammed Shami 1, Cheteshwar Pujara b Shami 0, Joey Evison b Siraj 22, Rishabh Pant c Shreyas b Jadeja 76, Rishi Patel c Vihari b Shami 34, Sam Bates c Jadeja b Shardul 8, Roman Walker c Bharat b Jadeja 34, Nathan Bowley c Bharat b Jadeja 17, Will Davis (not out) 5, Abidine Sakande b Shardul 0, Extras (b-4, lb-8, nb-4): 16; Total (in 57 overs): 244.

Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-22, 3-44, 4-71, 5-129, 6-138, 7-208, 8-226, 9-239.

Indians bowling: Shami 12-3-42-3, Umesh 10-3-45-0, Shardul 16-2-71-2, Siraj 11-2-46-2, Jadeja 8-3-28-3.

Indians — 2nd innings: K.S. Bharat (batting) 31, Shubman Gill c Bates b Saini 38, Hanuma Vihari (batting) 9; Extras (b-1, nb-1): 2; Total (for one wkt. in 18 overs): 80.

Fall of wicket: 1-62.

Leicestershire bowling: Prasidh 4-0-30-0, Walker 5-1-21-0, Davis 5-0-16-0, Saini 4-0-12-1.

IN BRIEF

Bangladesh 159 for six

GROS-ISLET (SAINT LUCIA)

Anderson Phillip struck with his second delivery in Test cricket but Bangladesh reached 159 for six at tea on the first day of the second and final Test against the West Indies here on Friday. Tamim Iqbal scored 46 and Litton Das was unbeaten on 34.

The scores: Bangladesh 159/6 (Tamim Iqbal 46, Litton Das 34 batting) vs West Indies. **Toss:** WI.

Consolation win for Australia

COLOMBO

Wicketkeeper-batter Alex Carey's unbeaten 45 and inspired bowling helped Australia to a four-wicket consolation win over Sri Lanka in the fifth ODI on Friday.

The scores: Sri Lanka 160 in 43.1 overs (Chamika Karunaratne 75) lost to Australia 164/6 in 39.3 overs (Marnus Labuschagne 31, Alex Carey 45 n.o.). *Sri Lanka won the series 3-2.*

Bairstow and Overton lead England's fightback

Boult rattles top-order; Mitchell hits third ton of series; Leach gets a five-for

NZ IN ENGLAND

AGENCIES
LEEDS

Jonny Bairstow was a hundred hero for England once again as debutant Jamie Overton more than played his part in an astounding fightback against New Zealand on Friday.

England was in dire straits when the pair came together at 55 for six in reply to the Black Caps' first-innings score of 329 in the third Test at Headingley.

England ended the second day on 264 for six, just 65 runs behind.

Bairstow was unbeaten on 130, with fast bowler Overton, who only has one First Class hundred to his name, batting on 89.

On a day where New Zealand all-rounder Daryl Mitchell compiled his third century of the series, Bairstow and Overton combined in an unbroken partnership of 209 – a new England seventh-wicket record in a Test.

Bairstow... in full flow. • GETTY IMAGES

England lost six wickets within 12 overs, mostly due to good bowling by the Test world champion, rather than cavalier batting. Trent Boult jolted the top order with three quick wickets. Tim Southee chipped in with the wicket of star batsman Joe Root.

Earlier, New Zealand had resumed on 225 for five, with Mitchell turning his overnight 78 not out into an innings of 109. In the process he broke a 73-year-old New Zealand record for the most runs during a series against England, with Mitchell now having compiled 482 this campaign – 20 more than Martin Donnelly managed in 1949.

Jack Leach, whose Test career has been blighted by injury and inconsistent selection, finished with five for 100 in 38.3 overs.

SCOREBOARD

New Zealand — 1st innings: Tom Latham c Root b Broad 0, Will Young lbw b Leach 20, Kane Williamson c Foakes b Broad 31, Devon Conway b Overton 26, Henry Nicholls c Lees b Leach 19, Daryl Mitchell c Stokes b Leach 109, Tom Blundell lbw b Potts 55, Michael Bracewell c Crawley b Broad 13, Tim Southee c Stokes b Leach 33, Neil Wagner c Bairstow b Leach 4, Trent Boult (not out) 0; Extras (b-6, lb-12, nb-1): 19; Total (in 117.3 overs): 329.

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-35, 3-62, 4-83, 5-123, 6-245, 7-265, 8-325, 9-329.

England bowling: Broad 23-8-62-3, Potts 26-11-34-1, Overton 23-2-85-1, Leach 38.3-8-100-5, Root 7-0-30-0.

England — 1st innings: Alex Lees b Boult 4, Zak Crawley b Boult 6, Ollie Pope b Boult 5, Joe Root c Blundell b Southee 5, Jonny Bairstow (batting) 130, Ben Stokes c Williamson b Wagner 18, Ben Foakes lbw b Wagner 0, Jamie Overton (batting) 89; Extras (lb-7): 7; Total (for six wkts. in 49 overs): 264.

Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-14, 3-17, 4-21, 5-55, 6-55.

New Zealand bowling: Boult 16-3-73-3, Southee 17-2-78-1, Wagner 9-1-53-2, Bracewell 4-0-37-0, Mitchell 3-0-16-0.

Washington too precious a talent to be wasted

The all-rounder unlucky to have missed out on India's T20I tour of Ireland

S. DINAKAR
CHENNAI

Impact players should not be lost to Indian cricket. Particularly, someone with the natural gifts of Washington Sundar.

The lithe 22-year-old smooth-stroking left-hander and an off-spinner with control will be travelling to Lancashire to get a feel of county cricket.

Bowling in the tough PowerPlay overs and holding his own, and always dangerous with the willow, Washington should have been included in the Indian T20I squad for Ireland.

He had overcome fitness issues and figured in the last stretch of the IPL with Sunrisers Hyderabad.

Excellent Test record

Not just T20 cricket, here is a lad who has an outstanding Test record showcasing his exquisite timing and left-handed grace with the willow, tight off-spin and a stunning temperament.

Washington. • FILE PHOTO

In four Tests, Washington averages a whopping 66.25 with three half centuries – a game-changing 62 on his debut at the bouncy Gabba against a fierce Australian attack, an unbeaten 85 versus England in Chennai, and a 96 not out at the expense of the English attack at Ahmedabad, all the knocks arriving in 2021.

In fact, after his unbeaten 96, Washington is yet to figure in a Test. He offers real quality, the left-handed variety, and resilience in the lower middle-order.

Relaxed air

Washington has a relaxed air about him, but beneath, he is tough as nails.

Look at his Test record and you will find that in four Tests, he has strung together four vital partnerships. To the opposition he has been a road block.

He added 123 crucial runs for the seventh wicket with the feisty Shardul Thakur as India fought back in the Brisbane Test.

Earlier, he had sent down tidy off-spin to scalp three. Then when India chased 328 for a series-clinching triumph, Washington's cameo, a delightful 22, where his gutsy hooked six off the hostile Pat Cummins was the beginning of India's decisive victory push, underlined his ability and composure in a stressful situation.

Then Washington put on 80 for the seventh wicket with R. Ashwin at Chepauk, Subsequently, during his unbeaten 96 in Ahmedabad, Washington was involved in two century partnerships, first with Rishabh Pant and then Axar Patel.

Fearless, Washington relishes the sniff of combat. And he dissects an attack with strokes of delicate beauty and timing, coaxing the ball through the empty spaces.

He has not received too many opportunities to bat in T20Is, but has 25 wickets in 31 matches at a laudable economy rate of 7.24.

Washington deserves better. He is too precious a talent to be wasted.

India clubbed with Brazil, Morocco, USA

U-17 WOMEN'S WC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

India has been clubbed alongside powerhouse Brazil, Morocco and the USA in a tough Group-A for the upcoming Under-17 FIFA Women's World Cup, the draw for which took place on Friday.

India is slated to host the tournament from October 11 to 30 in Bhubaneshwar, Goa and Navi Mumbai. A total of 16 teams, divided into four groups, will be participating.

Unseeded Serena faces debutant Tan in opener

WIMBLEDON

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

Serena Williams has been drawn to face French debutant Harmony Tan in the first round of Wimbledon as the American star returns to singles action after a year away.

The early focus will be on 23-time Grand Slam singles champion Serena, who has dropped to 1,204 in the rankings and is unseeded for the tournament, which starts on Monday.

Women's top seed Iga Swiatek, who has won her past six tournaments, including the French Open, was pitted against Croatian qualifier Jana Fett in Friday's draw.

Defending men's champion Novak Djokovic begins his quest for a seventh title against South Korea's Kwon Soon-woo. A win would take the Serb level with Pete Sampras and one behind Roger Federer.

Second seed Rafael Nadal set to make his first appearance at Wimbledon since 2019, after winning the Australian Open and French Open this year, faces Argentina's Francisco Cerundolo

Tejaswin selection: AFI passes the buck to IOA

Tells Delhi HC it requires increase in quota for the Commonwealth Games

ATHLETICS

UTHRA GANESAN
NEW DELHI

The responsibility of including high jumper Tejaswin Shankar in the Commonwealth Games squad has been passed on to the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).

The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) told the Delhi High Court on Friday it was bound by the quota allocated by the Indian Olympic Association.

AFI counsel Parth Goswami informed the court that the federation selection committee on June 22 had met and selected five additional athletes, including Tejaswin, for the CWG, subject to an increase of quota by the IOA.

Tejaswin Shankar. • FILE PHOTO

"The court is hopeful that the Olympic association would increase the Athletics Federation of India's quota for participation in the CWG so that all five additionally selected athletes (including Tejaswin Shankar) are included in the contingent," Justice Jasmeet Singh dictated in his order and posted the next hearing on July 4.

"We had petitioned to implead the IOA in the case. The matter is now in the IOA's hands," Tejaswin's lawyer Malak Bhatt said.

The AFI, however, also made it clear that in case the IOA did not raise the cap, the list of previously selected 36 athletes would be final.

Interestingly, six of those selected are yet to qualify and will have to do so either at the XXXI Qosanov Memorial in Kazakhstan or the training camp in California before being confirmed for the CWG even as the likes of marathoners Srinu Bugatha and Anish Thapa, heptathlete Swapna Barman are all still under consideration despite having achieved the AFI qualification mark.

IOA officials refused to comment on the matter explaining they had only been impleaded now and would have to look into the details.

Surekha and Abhishek in final

SPORTS BUREAU

V. Jyothi Surekha and Abhishek Verma assured India of another medal by making it to the compound mixed team final in the Archery World Cup Stage-3 in Paris on Friday. India beat Puerto Rico 158-150, El Salvador in a tie-break and Estonia 156-151.

Indian recurve mixed team of Ankita Bhakat and Tarundeep Rai suffered a 4-5 (18-20) loss to Kazakhstan in the first round.

In recurve men's individual competition, Jayanta Talukdar lost to Woojin Kim of Korea in the third round.

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